



Writing Fellows Program - 2023-2024

The UGS Writing Fellows program will support and train advanced doctoral students who commit two semesters to serve as graduate writing facilitators in their programs. The selected fellows will receive specialized training from the FIU Writing Across Curriculum (WAC) program on how to facilitate a writing group, identify different genres of writing in their specific discipline, and coach students around writing conventions in the discipline. They will then convene and facilitate graduate student writing groups in their programs. By participating in this role, students will gain experience in leading a group, strengthen their own writing and self-editing skills and add to their professional skill toolkit.

The fellows will receive \$1,500 per semester. **Two consecutive semester commitment is required.**

Specific responsibilities

- Participate in a 2-day training by the WAC Program. Topics will include learning to identify and navigate genres of writing in your discipline, to apply self-editing strategies, to respond effectively to various disciplinary rhetorical contexts of writing, and learning to facilitate a group (including establishing writing goals, encouraging constructive peer feedback and keeping groups on track)
- Attend monthly training sessions hosted by WAC and stay in contact with WAC faculty in regard to pedagogical questions or concerns
- In collaboration with the graduate program director, identify writing needs within the department (e.g., writing comprehensive exams, dissertation proposals, external grant proposals and articles for submission)
- Advertise and recruit doctoral students in your program for the group
- Convene regular writing group meetings over 2 consecutive semesters
- Submit a one-page report on the goals and achievements of your group members at the end of each semester

Eligibility:

- Applicants must have defended their proposal and be within at least two semesters remaining till graduation by January 2024.
- Good academic standing
- Full time enrollment at the time of the selection
- Remote students are not eligible

Selection Criteria:

- Strong Writing Skills
- Demonstrated interest in writing
- Availability to begin in Spring 2024 semester

Application Materials:

- Completed Application Form signed by the major professor and Graduate Program Director.
- Academic CV
- Writing Sample (examples may include: dissertation proposal; research paper; fellowship/grant application)
- Depending on the pool of applicants, an interview may be required

The form and the materials should be included in a combined PDF file and sent to Dr. Alla Mirzoyan at amirzoya@fiu.edu by **September 15, 2023**



UGS Writing Fellows Program Application

We require the following form along with all the requested materials. **The form and the materials should be included in a combined PDF file.**

Deadline for submission is **September 15, 2023** at 5:00 PM. Applications should be sent to Dr. Alla Mirzoyan (amirzoya@fiu.edu).

STUDENT NAME:

STUDENT PID:

ACADEMIC PROGRAM:

STATEMENT OF INTEREST

(Please explain your interest in becoming a Writing Fellow and how you plan to address the needs of the graduate students in your program - 250 words max.)

Signature of Major Professor

Signature of Graduate Program Director