

## Writing Fellows Program 2025-2026

The University Graduate School (UGS), in collaboration with the FIU Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) Program, invites applications for **the 2025–2026 Writing Fellows Program**.

This initiative supports advanced doctoral students who are interested in fostering a writing community within their academic programs. Writing Fellows will receive **specialized pedagogical training and a \$1,500 fellowship per semester in spring and summer terms** for their leadership in organizing and facilitating graduate writing groups within their doctoral programs.

### Program Overview

Selected fellows will commit to two consecutive semesters of service and participate in a two-day training hosted by FIU's WAC Program. Fellows will gain experience in facilitating writing groups, coaching peers, and supporting academic writing development across genres specific to their disciplines.

By serving as a Writing Fellow, you will:

- Strengthen your own writing and mentoring skills
- Develop leadership experience
- Build a stronger scholarly community within your department

### Writing Group Models

Each Writing Fellow will organize and lead any one of the following types of writing groups:

- Accountability Group: Focuses on setting writing goals, tracking progress, and maintaining productivity through regular check-ins and structured writing time.
- Peer Review Group: Emphasizes constructive feedback on drafts, helping members improve clarity, structure, and disciplinary conventions through collaborative peer review.
- Hybrid Group: Combines Accountability Group and Peer Review Group, offering both structured writing time and collaborative peer review to help members work towards their writing goals.

Fellows may select the format that best meets their department's needs and can adapt group structure accordingly.

## Responsibilities:

### Fall 2025

Participate in a 2-day training by the WAC faculty on **December 5** (in person) and **12** (virtually). Training topics include disciplinary writing genres, self-editing strategies, effective facilitation practices, and group management techniques.

### Spring 2026

- Attend **monthly follow-up trainings** and maintain communication with WAC faculty regarding facilitation strategies and challenges.
- In collaboration with your graduate program director, **identify writing needs** specific to your department and establish the appropriate writing group model.
- **Recruit members** for your writing group and establish a consistent meeting schedule.
- Facilitate regular writing group meetings and **submit a one-page report** summarizing group goals and outcomes at the end of the semester.

### Summer 2026

- Observe and/or lead select **Graduate Writing Mentorship Program (GWMP)** sessions offered by the Center for Excellence in Writing (CEW) (Scheduling and availability will be coordinated with the CEW leadership.)
- Submit final documentation, including a summary report, writing group artifacts (e.g., logs, slides, photos), and a reflective memo.
- Support program evaluation by participating in surveys and, when possible, a focus group interview.

## Eligibility:

- Advanced full time doctoral students in good academic standing
- Commitment to participate for Spring and Summer 2026
- Strong interest in writing, peer mentorship, and disciplinary communication

## Selection Criteria:

- Strong writing and interpersonal skills
- Demonstrated interest
- Prior participation in a formal or informal writing group or writing program is a plus
- Availability to begin in Spring 2026 semester

## **Application Materials:**

- Qualtrics form
- Single combined PDF file attached to Qualtrics that consists of the following components:
  1. Cover page signed by the major professor and the Graduate Program Director
  2. Academic CV
  3. Writing Sample (examples may include: dissertation proposal; research paper; fellowship or grant application)
  4. **Interview is required** as part of the selection process

**The form and the materials should be included in a combined PDF file and submitted via [Qualtrics](#) by **September 30, 2025****



## UGS Writing Fellows Program Application Cover Page

We require the following form along with all the requested materials. **The form and the materials should be included in a single combined PDF file and uploaded to Qualtrics** at: <https://go.fiu.edu/WritingFellows2025>

Deadline for submission is **September 30, 2025** at 5:00 PM.

**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.)

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Signature of Major Professor

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Signature of Graduate Program Director