Graduate Writing Fellowships

The CAS Writing Program is extending the deadline for applications from doctoral students interested in being considered for one of approximately 10-12 Graduate Writing Fellowships that we will award for Fall 2017. These competitive fellowships provide doctoral students from across the university with an opportunity to receive valuable training and teaching experience while serving as instructors in the Writing Program. The deadline for applications is now Monday, November 28.

Terms and Conditions: Graduate Writing Fellows (GWFs) receive a stipend of $10,500 per semester, basic health insurance coverage, and continuing student fees. GWFs teach one undergraduate writing seminar (WR 100 or WR 150) per semester. The spring before their first semester of teaching, incoming GWFs must take Teaching Composition (GRS WR 698), a two-credit seminar designed to prepare them for their fall teaching assignments. Tuition for this course is covered by the fellowship. In Spring 2017, WR 698 will meet on Wednesday afternoons from 2:30 to 4 p.m. The following fall, new GWFs must take Teaching College Writing (GRS WR 699), a two-credit practicum that guides them through their first semester of teaching in the Writing Program. Continuing GWFs are required to participate in a variety of professional development activities for which they receive WR 699 credit. In addition, all GWFs may be required to attend other occasional program events, such as orientation sessions and staff meetings.

Eligibility and Renewal: The CAS Writing Program offers writing seminars on topics from across the disciplines. We therefore welcome applications not only from students in literature and the humanities but also from students in the social and natural sciences. We give priority to applications from GRS students, but we will consider applications from non-GRS students as well. Likewise, most GWFs hold advanced standing (post- orals) in their programs, but we will consider applications from students at any stage in their doctoral programs [with the exception of students who will be beyond their seventh year of graduate study as of next fall]. Awards are made on a semester-by-semester basis, with the expectation of renewal for up to four semesters. Students who have taught as GWFs for four or more semesters may also apply for renewal, but their applications will be considered only after all first-time applicants and GWFs who have held the fellowship for fewer than four semesters have been considered. (Current GWFs eligible for renewal will be informed about how to apply.) GWFs are supervised jointly by the Writing Program and their home departments.

Application Procedure: To apply, please complete the application form available at http://www.bu.edu/writingprogram/about/fellowships-and-employment/graduate-writing-fellowships and upload the following materials:

- A letter of application, addressed to Interim Director Chris Walsh, discussing your reasons for wishing to teach in the Writing Program, your teaching experience, your academic or research interests, and your progress toward degree. We are especially interested in hearing how the fellowship will contribute to your broader professional preparation.
- A curriculum vitae and current graduate transcript (an unofficial Student Link version is fine).
- A 15-25 page writing sample taken from your recent academic work.

Questions regarding the application process or the competition in general should be sent to writing@bu.edu. We will interview selected applicants in December and notify all applicants of our decisions before the intersession.

Deadline: Complete applications are due by Monday, November 28.

This information can also be found at www.bu.edu/writingprogram.