

**The Emory Writing Center (EWC) Graduate Fellowship
2008-2009 Guidelines**

Applications due Friday, February 1, 2008, by 4:00 p.m.

**Information Session:
Wednesday, January 23, 3-4 pm, N212 Callaway Center**

With joint funding from the Graduate School and the Dean's Office of Emory College, the Emory Writing Center will award four graduate fellowships in 2008-2009 to advanced graduate students in any discipline. Fellows will work 15 hours per week in the Writing Center from mid-August through mid-May. The 2008-09 stipend will be \$16,000.

Fellows' responsibilities include tutoring in the Writing Center; mentoring undergraduate peer tutors; conducting training sessions, staff meetings, and workshops on writing issues; identifying and designing writing resources; and promoting use of the Writing Center. Fellows will also have opportunities to participate in research projects and to attend professional conferences. Apart from their duties in the Writing Center, fellows are expected to devote full time to the research and writing of their dissertations and should not be otherwise employed while holding an EWC Fellowship.

The EWC Fellowship offers a unique opportunity to experience the rich diversity of writers and writing at Emory and to acquire background and skills of lasting personal and professional value.

Eligibility:

To be considered for the fellowship, students must:

1. have filed for doctoral candidacy by the date of application (preference will be given to students entering their sixth year)
2. have made enough progress on their dissertation that completion during the fellowship year may be presumed
3. submit a complete application
4. finalists will be required to participate in a face-to-face interview during the week of February 12th.

Most Emory Writing Center Fellows will receive their fellowship in the first or second year after their Graduate School stipend is exhausted (often but not always the sixth or seventh year in graduate school). Students entering their final fellowship year (usually but not always the fifth year of funding) may apply for and receive the EWC. However, because the EWC is a dissertation completion fellowship, Fellows may not defer their regular Graduate School stipend for future use.

Applicants will be evaluated on the basis of their excellence in written and oral communication, the breadth of their experience relevant to writing center work, and their interest in helping students improve their writing.

Application Procedure

A complete application will include:

1. a Graduate School fellowship cover sheet, posted on the Graduate School website (go to New and Current Students, then to Forms);
2. a *curriculum vitae*;
3. an Emory transcript (a copy of an unofficial transcript issued to the student is fine);
4. a cover letter outlining your dissertation project, progress to date, a schedule for completion, and your long-term career goals; experiences relevant to writing center work (teaching, tutoring, working with non-native speakers of English, free lance writing or editing, administration); and why you would like to work at the Writing Center, what you could contribute, and how this experience would enhance your professional development.
5. a writing sample (preferably under 20 pages) that represents your best expository prose
6. **a faculty letter of recommendation** assessing your abilities and promise as a writer, thinker, teacher, and scholar. This letter should be emailed to Deborah Ayer, Director, The Emory Writing Center, at dayer@emory.edu.

Submit three collated copies of items 1-5 in a folder labeled with your last name, first name, and program. Please clip the sheets together instead of using staples. Application materials should be addressed to Deborah Ayer, Director, c/o Karim Jetha, Program Coordinator, The Emory Writing Center, N205A Callaway Center.

Selection

A committee made up of faculty and members of the Writing Center staff will review applications

Award Notifications

Applicants will be notified by February 18, 2008.

Questions?

Contact Deborah Ayer, Director, at 727-0837 or dayer@emory.edu or visit the Emory Writing Center Online Web Site at <http://www.writingcenter.emory.edu/>