Winter 2019 Dissertation Writing Retreat

The Graduate School Office of Professional Development is pleased to offer a week-long writing retreat for dissertation writers during Winter 2019. Open to graduate students from departments in all divisions who are at the dissertation-writing stage, this retreat offers extensive structured time to write and develop effective writing strategies alongside fellow dissertators.

During the week, graduate student writers will:

- Practice setting and achieving short- and medium-term goals for writing.
- Share goals with fellow retreaters to build structures of accountability.
- Develop strategies for planning, getting started, drafting, and revising.
- Have sustained writing time to develop effective rhythms for writing and make significant progress on a lengthy piece of writing.

*Participation for the entire week is mandatory; participants should not plan to arrive late or leave early.

Childcare scholarships for up to $150 per family will be available from the Graduate School.

Dates of Retreat: January 14-18, 2019, from 9am-4pm.

How to apply:

These writing retreats will be offered at NO COST through the support of the Graduate School. Acceptance in the program is competitive and acceptance is based on the strength of the completed application form. **Participants must commit to attending the entire week to be considered for acceptance.** Preference is given to dissertation writers. MFAs and those at the prospectus/proposal stage will be considered if space is available. Prior retreat participants are also invited to apply. **Complete this form to apply:** [http://bit.ly/2019WinterRetreat](http://bit.ly/2019WinterRetreat)

**DEADLINE:** Completed applications must be received no later than 11:59PM on Monday, November 12 (Veteran’s Day), 2018.

Applicants will be notified of their application status by 5PM on Friday, November 16, 2018.

Please contact the Graduate School Office of Professional Development at opdwriting@umass.edu or 413-545-5347 with any questions.