Winter 2017 Dissertation-Writing Retreat

The Graduate School Office of Professional Development and the University Writing Center is pleased to offer a week-long writing retreat for dissertation writers during Winter Session 2017. Open to graduate students from departments in all divisions who are at the dissertation-writing stage, this retreat offers extensive structured time to write, receive feedback, and develop effective writing strategies.

During the week, graduate student writers will:
- Practice setting and achieving short- and medium-term goals for writing.
- Develop strategies for planning, getting started, drafting, and revising.
- Receive individual feedback and critical advice from the retreat's writing consultants.
- Have sustained writing time to develop effective rhythms for writing and make significant progress on a lengthy piece of writing.

*Attendance all day for the entire week is mandatory, and participants should not plan to arrive late or leave early.

Dates:
- January 16-20, 2017 from 9am-4pm

DEADLINE: Completed applications must be received no later than 11:59PM on Sunday, November 20, 2016.

How to apply:
These writing retreats will be offered at NO COST through the gracious support of the Graduate School and Writing Center. Acceptance into the program is competitive and limited to 15 applicants who have not previously participated in a week-long retreat, who will be selected based on the strength of their completed application. Participants must commit to attending the entire week to be considered for acceptance. Participants must be at the dissertation-writing stage. Master's students, MFAs, and those at the prospectus/proposal stage will be considered if space is available. Complete this form to apply.

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

Acceptance notifications will be sent out by 5PM on Monday, December 5, 2016.

Please contact the Graduate School Office of Professional Development at opdwriting@umass.edu or 413-545-0669 with any questions.