Winter 2018 Dissertation-Writing Retreat

The Graduate School Office of Professional Development is pleased to offer a week-long writing retreat for dissertation writers during Winter 2018. 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.

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

Dates of Retreat: January 8-12, 2018, from 9am-4pm.

How to apply:

These writing retreats will be offered at NO COST through the gracious support of the Graduate School and Writing Center. 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. Master’s students and those at the prospectus/proposal stage will be considered if space is available.

Complete this form to apply: bit.ly/Winter18Retreat

DEADLINE: Completed applications must be received no later than 11:59PM on Sunday, November 12, 2017.

Applicants will be notified of their application status by 5PM on Friday, November 17, 2017.

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