Summer 2017 Dissertation-Writing Retreats

The Graduate School Office of Professional Development and University Writing Center are now accepting applications for two summer dissertation writing retreats. Designed for graduate students from all disciplines at the dissertation-writing stage, these intensive, week-long retreats will enable participants to do the following:

- Practice setting and achieving short- and medium-term writing goals.
- Develop strategies for planning, getting started, drafting, and revising their writing.
- Receive individual feedback and critical advice from the retreat’s writing consultants.
- Experience sustained writing time to develop effective rhythms for writing and make significant progress on a lengthy piece of writing.

**Dates**

Session 1: June 5-9, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Session 2: August 7-11, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

**How to Apply**

Applications must be received by 11:59 pm on Monday, April 17, 2017.

Acceptance/rejection notifications will be emailed by 5 pm on Friday, May 5, 2017.

**Apply here:** [http://bit.do/2017SummerWritingRetreat](http://bit.do/2017SummerWritingRetreat)

**Eligibility**

Each session is limited to participants at the dissertation-writing phase who will be selected based on the strength of their completed applications. Applicants must commit to attending the entire week to be considered for acceptance. Prior participants are welcome to apply. MFAs and those at the prospectus/proposal stage will be considered if space is available.

**Additional Information**

The Summer 2017 Dissertation-Writing retreats are offered at no cost through the support of the Graduate School and Writing Center. Coffee, tea, and lunch will be provided. Childcare scholarships for up to $150 will be available. Questions regarding the retreats may be directed to the Graduate School Office of Professional Development at opdwriting@umass.edu.