

Application for Writing Fellowship

All applicants, including returning writing fellows (WFs), are required to fill out Section 1 of the application. New applicants should complete all sections of this application. Completed applications can be emailed as PDFs to abramsb@bu.edu or dropped off in the Chemistry Department main office (SCI 299) care of Dr. Binyomin Abrams. Any questions can be emailed directly to abramsb@bu.edu

Section 1: Biographical Information (all applicants)

Referred by: _____

Name: _____
Last First M.I.

Department: _____

Campus Address: _____
Building Room # Campus Ext.

Email: _____

Position: Grad Post-doc PFF Faculty

Advisor: _____

Graduate students only: Year # _____

Do you have permission of your advisor? Yes NoSupport during AY16/17: Fall: TF RA UncertainSpring: TF RA Uncertain**Section 2: Prior experience and interest (new applicants only)**

Please briefly describe any prior teaching or mentoring experience. Also include the reason(s) for your interest in the writing program.

Section 3: Supplementary materials (new applicants only)

All new applicants should also attach and submit: (1) an up-to-date CV and (2) a sample of their writing – journal articles (preferred) or other scientific/technical writing.

Additional Information

One of the advantages of participating in the writing program is that it gives writing fellows valuable teaching-mentoring experience to add to their academic curriculum vitae. Unlike teaching fellows that primarily interact with large student groups (18+ students), a writing fellow develops a mentoring relationship with students that is harder to get at a large, research institution. Also, writing fellows report that this program has helped them in their own academic writing!

Eligibility requirements

- Graduate student, post-doc, or PFF (in Chemistry, Biochemistry, Physics, or related discipline);
- Interest in mentoring freshmen science/chemistry major in scientific writing;
- Must have excellent command of English language and scientific writing;
- Preference given to those who are willing to commit to both semesters; and
- Graduate students that are supported by RA's and TF's should only apply with the permission of their research advisor.

Description of expectations:

- Writing fellows read and comment student writing samples,
- meet with students to discuss writing and needed improvements,
- evaluate submitted writing,
- attend staff meetings (5, 45-minute meetings per semester), and
- maintain digital records of student work.

Structure of program / time expectations

- Staff meetings are scheduled at times that work for all fellows,
- Student conferences (4 to 5 per semester) are on Thursdays and Fridays (possibly weekends, if need be) at times that are convenient for the writing fellow and their students,
- Commenting is done on Wednesdays and Thursdays, ahead of the conferences
- Evaluation of final work needs to be done in a timely manner (before next work is due)

Compensation:

- WF's are paid according to the number of students that are assigned to them.
- A "full load" (7 students) corresponds to approximately \$1,100 per semester (45 hours total per semester over 9 weeks).

Application due by August 1st, 2017.