GradsWrite: Call for Student Leaders

A writing support group program for graduate students, coordinated by the Graduate School. The goal of GradsWrite is to provide a shared space to help graduate students accomplish their writing goals in a supportive setting. Groups will be peer-led by a graduate student. Groups will meet weekly (in person) for a minimum of 30 minutes and focus on helping graduate students set and meet writing goals, with an emphasis on accountability and support.

For the Spring 2023 semester, the program will run for 10 weeks (February 20 – April 28)

GradsWrite Leaders
The goal is to form small, independent writing groups. Leaders commit to gathering group members weekly providing an informal and encouraging atmosphere where members feel supported in their writing goals.

INCENTIVE: GradsWrite Leaders who do not miss more than one of their weekly meetings have the potential to receive a $200 award to be applied to their MU student account. Processed at the conclusion of the spring 2023 semester, the incentive may be used to reduce the cost of academic related expenses and serves as a gesture of appreciation for our leaders.

Tenets of the process

- Maximum of 10 members in each group; emphasis on the value of groups being cross-disciplinary
- Leaders must be current graduate students in good academic standing
- Leaders and members will be grouped based on shared availability for meetings (days/times)
- Groups are encouraged to focus on the process of setting and meeting writing goals rather than focusing on actual content, i.e. this is not a program that teaches students how to write
- Group members will assist one another in setting realistic goals and commit to confidentiality
- Group members will document writing goals in a shared notebook to promote accountability
- Group members commit to weekly attendance even if they have not met their academic goals
- Group leaders will promote a respectful and comfortable group dynamic, keeping a consistent structure for meetings. The success of the program relies on the willingness of the leader and all group members supporting one another with ideas and honest feedback.

Timeline
- Any student who is interested in a GradsWrite leader position should complete an online application by Monday, February 6, 2023 (if needed, virtual interviews will be held that week)
- A brief training session for leaders will be held virtually during the week of February 13, 2023

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