**Graduate School Writing Retreat Application Package – Spring 2018**

**Please read the information on this first page fully**. If you would like to apply to a writing retreat, please fill out the application form (the second page). You will find directions for submitting materials below.

**About the Writing Retreat**

The Graduate School is offering a spring semester writing retreat for graduate students and postdoctoral scholars working on theses, dissertations, journal articles, research proposals, or any other writing project. We will meet five times during the semester. On January 6 we will meet from 10:30am - 1pm in Hunt Library. This will be an introductory meeting during which we will go over our semester goals, create a plan of action for the semester, discuss the online accountability group, and meet our group members. The remainder of our meetings will be held on January 20, February 17, March 24, and April 21 in Hunt Library. These four meetings will begin at 10am and end at 4pm. Writing retreat members will also participate in a mandatory online writing accountability group for the entire semester.

**Writing Retreat Requirements**

* Participants are asked to make a serious commitment to the program and to attend fully all in-person meetings. In applying, you are stating that you are available for the entire period of the retreat. Participants who do not fully attend and participate in the in-person meetings will lose their motivational deposit.
* Participants are also asked to make a serious commitment to the online accountability portion of the retreat. This consists of setting goals and tracking progress of your goals once a week throughout the semester. In applying, you are stating that you will participate fully in the online accountability group. Participants who do not fully participate in the online accountability group will lose their motivational deposit.
* Students must bring the materials and tools necessary for productive writing sessions. This includes a laptop or tablet (with power cord), notes, pen, paper, and other materials you may need to work on your writing project.
* Registration requires:
  + A completed application form (see page 2) emailed to [thesisdissertationsupport@ncsu.edu](mailto:thesisdissertationsupport@ncsu.edu)
  + A motivational deposit of $50 sent to the Graduate School (1020 Main Campus Drive, Room 2300A, attn: Thesis and Dissertation Support Services). You may submit this in person, by mail (see address above), or through campus mail (Campus Box 7102, attn: Thesis and Dissertation Support Services). The deposit must be in the form of a check or money order and should be **made out to NC State University**. Please include “Spring 2018 writing retreat” in the memo line. You may mail your check to the Graduate School or drop the check off in person.

**Application Form: Spring 2018 TDSS Writing Retreat**

Your name:

Your department and college:

Your NC State email address:

Advisor(s) name(s):

Anticipated graduation date (eg. Fall 2019):

Please answer the following questions as thoroughly as you can:

1. What stage are you currently at in your writing project? What has your writing process been like so far?
2. At this point, what do you feel are the biggest obstacles to completing your writing project?

1. Have you participated in any workshops, courses, or other programs relating to academic writing?
2. What type of writing project(s) will you work on during this writing retreat? (Thesis, dissertation, journal article, proposal, teaching portfolio, conference presentation, etc.)
3. What do you hope to accomplish during this semester-long writing retreat?

I certify that I:

1. Am able to fully attend ALL sessions of the retreat for the full length of each meeting. I acknowledge that if I do not fully complete the program (arrive late, leave early, or miss a day entirely) that I will lose my motivational deposit of $50.
2. Am able to commit to participating in weekly goal setting and reflections in an online community setting (Writing Accountability Group). I acknowledge that if I do not complete the online portion of the program (miss more than two online check-ins) I will lose my motivational deposit of $50.

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Signature (Typed signature accepted for emailed submission) Date