

SFSU Summer Writing Program 2017

Description:

The purpose of this program is to develop support and motivation systems to help faculty be more productive writers over the summer. The writing program is appropriate for any type of project: grants, journal manuscripts, book proposals, book chapters, or entire books. The entire writing group will meet for one whole day in June (lunch provided), and form into small groups for checking in at least weekly throughout the summer. Small group formation will depend on many factors: in some cases, faculty doing similar types of work may be grouped together or if numbers permit, some groups may focus on grant writing versus others focus on manuscript/book writing. Each group will be able to decide how they will communicate. Finally, two peer review days are scheduled. Many participants in past writing programs have reported that peer review and discussion of their work was the most valuable aspect of the program.

Schedule:

Monday, June 5th 10-4: Introduction to the Summer Writing Program

- Get acquainted
- Discuss barriers to writing productivity
- Hear about resources to help with writing
- Share your project(s) with the group in a brief presentation (5 minutes)
- Form into small groups and decide how often and how to communicate

June-August (mostly virtual)

- Small groups check-in at least weekly by email. Some groups may meet in person or via Skype or Zoom.

July 17th 10-1 Peer Review (optional)

August 8th 1-3 Peer Review (optional)

August 18th: 1-3 Closure and celebration!

Facilitators:

Mickey Eliason, Assistant Dean for Faculty Development in Scholarship, CHSS. Mickey has facilitated several writing groups and workshops in the past few years.

Cathy Rath, Writing Coach. Cathy has assisted many faculty on campus with their writing and will co-facilitate the program, as well as offer some individual assistance through-out the summer.