

Dissertation Writing Workshop Call for Applications Deadline: November 1

Purpose: The Writing Workshop provides support to UC San Diego PhD candidates engaged in writing dissertations. The workshop addresses the clarity of the chapter's goals, the character and quality of its argument, the use of sources, strategies of persuasion, and the quality of the writing, including grammar. Because of its interdisciplinary composition, the workshop provides insights from different disciplinary perspectives, which helps students broaden their understanding of its scholarly and intellectual context.

Eligibility: UC San Diego PhD candidates writing dissertations in the arts and humanities are eligible to participate. Students should be working on topics that can be defined as humanistic in the broadest sense—that is, based on archival sources, literary or artistic works, ethnographic field work, and interviews or public media. Applicants should have advanced to candidacy, have conducted extensive research, and completed a full draft of the chapter by Winter quarter.

Award Amount: Workshop participants will receive \$800 after completion of the workshop. Students who have participated in prior years may apply again, but will not receive funding after the first year.

Description: The workshop meets during Winter quarter, up to five times for two hours each. Participation is capped at groups of five students. In each meeting of the workshop a student presents a chapter. The presenter distributes the chapter electronically one week before the meeting to allow readers time to comment. All members of the workshop critique the chapter presented and provide the presenter with substantive notes they have made as they read. A different student will lead the review process each meeting. A current member of the Arts and Humanities faculty will convene the workshop and provide substantive comments at the end.

Commitment: All participants must commit to providing substantive feedback to each student in the group and attend all meetings. Meetings will be held virtually.

Application Process: Please send the attached application form with the following information to iah@ucsd.edu:

1. Name
2. Home department
3. Advisor name
4. Dissertation abstract
5. Timetable of dissertation completion

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Dissertation Writing Workshop Application

Name _____ Department _____

Advisor Name(s) _____

Working Title of Dissertation _____

Dissertation Abstract (~250 words)

Timetable of dissertation completion

Quarter	Milestone (Chapter completed, dissertation filed, etc.)

Which departments (outside of your own) would you find it most useful for gathering interdisciplinary/multidisciplinary feedback?

Submit application to iah@ucsd.edu with subject line
“Dissertation Workshop: Applicant Name”.