

Message for Students:

Hello from the Writing Hub!

Dear Grad Students,

We hope you are taking care during this time. No matter where you find yourself, we want you to know that the Writing Hub is still here to support you. **During Spring 2020, we will still offer ALL of our graduate writing services – all online and all free of charge.**

We recognize that these disruptions can have profound effects on graduate students, and during all this upheaval it might feel like working on a writing project is impossible, or even futile. But our hope is that, through support and community, your writing project might provide a source of constancy and maybe even comfort for you – a reminder of the questions and interests that drive you. And the Writing Hub is here to support you as best as we can in that effort.

Here's a snapshot of all the programs we will offer this quarter. We hope you'll take advantage of these services not only to keep making progress, but also to feel connected a community of graduate student peers during a time of increased isolation.

- **One-on-One Consultations:** Want to have a conversation about your project, see a friendly face, and talk to someone who is genuinely interested in your success? [Book an online appointment with a peer Grad Writing Consultant](#), who can talk with you about your project, your concerns large and small, and ways to keep making progress. Don't worry about having a draft ready, we can talk with you at any point in the process.
- **(Virtual) Writing Room:** A daily time and virtual space to make steady progress and see a few humans every morning. The [\(Virtual\) Writing Room](#) happens 9am-11am every Monday-Friday, Weeks 1-10.
- **Writing Discussion Groups:** Join a small community of writers who meet weekly to share their work and workshop drafts in progress. Time commitment is only 2 hours per week, and no additional reading is required by the group. [Writing Discussion Groups](#) are happening Wednesdays and Thursdays, 3-5pm (PST).
- **Graduate Writing Retreats:** Larger segments of time to write while also learning about positive writing practices, habits for sustainable writing, and bringing joy back to the writing process. Our first [Writing Retreat](#) starts next week!
- **Friday Workshops:** Our online [Grad Workshops](#) are designed to help you stay connected to writing, meet a few new people, and build your knowledge around academic writing topics. Still 10am-1pm on Fridays.
- **Dissertation Writers Workshop:** A 3-part series for ABD graduate students who have started writing their dissertation texts. The [Dissertation Writers Workshop](#) combines the best of a workshop and writing retreat – all meant to demystify the dissertation and give you time to work.

Again, you can access these all-online programs from *wherever* you are. You can find updated information and program schedules, as well as information about how to sign up and stay connected, on our website: writinghub.ucsd.edu. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at writinghub@ucsd.edu.

We look forward to working with you,
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