CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Overview
The postgraduate writing retreat is designed to provide students with a supportive space in which to prioritise writing and thinking about research. The Retreat aims to prepare students to successfully negotiate the process of writing throughout their candidature and beyond.

"From this retreat I got more than I expected. Now I can find my weakness in writing I will be able to work, think and write more effectively. Also mixing with other students even from other fields was a great way to get myself motivated, and stimulated. Sharing some experience in writing with others was very beneficial. I am very happy with what I have done during this week, I could write more than I expected, in a very structured way. Thank you for giving me such a wonderful time!" 2014 Retreat participant.

The specific aims of the retreat include assisting students to develop a more disciplined and inspired approach to writing, to critically examine and refine the overall structure of their work and to make significant progress on a predetermined section of the thesis or on a paper for publication. The Retreat incorporates workshops, works-in-progress presentations and individual consultations with Graduate Education Officers within an interdisciplinary, peer supported environment.

"I also appreciated the collective effervescence of all of us writing together." 2014 Retreat participant
"I was able to step closer to developing my own academic voice, which I had not understood before. “ 2014 Retreat participant
"Challenged me to write in new ways; provided useful details I didn’t know; helped me get past blocks; helped visualise my structure and start to write new sections." 2014 Retreat participant

There will be places for 23 students at the retreat, awarded on a competitive, needs basis by the Graduate Research School. Students must commit to attending the entire retreat. The Graduate Research School will provide travel, accommodation, and some meals. Students will need to pay for some food costs.

Eligibility
This Retreat is restricted to Masters by Research students in the second half of their candidature, and PhD students who have completed the requirements for their Confirmation of Candidature. All students must have their milestones recorded as being up to date on Student Connect. Milestones may be checked at: http://www.studentadmin.uwa.edu.au/welcome/student_connect
The Application Process

Please complete the application form and provide:

- The personal details requested
- A 500 word statement outlining your motivations for and expectations of, attendance at the retreat
- A completion plan for the thesis; and
- A letter of support from your supervisor
- A printout of milestone status from StudentConnect

Signatures from the applicant and coordinating supervisor are also required. Please deliver the application form along with the required documentation to the reception desk at the Graduate Research and Scholarships Office by **Spm on Friday 12th December 2014.**

Details

Activities will focus on individual writing time and peer review and feedback sessions. A number of optional structured workshops will also be offered and individual consultations with Graduate Education Officers are available. In order to tailor these activities to the needs and interests of the participants, students will be consulted by email in advance of the retreat. Participants will also be required to attend a pre-departure information session.

The retreat will draw on the expertise of Dr Liana Christiansen. Liana is an accomplished writer and facilitator (http://www.lianajoychristensen.com.) She has expertise in the use of creative techniques that lead to writing with new insights and new inspiration. The Graduate Education Officers, Michael Azariadis and Krystyna Haq will also assist with facilitation.

The Retreat will be held from Sunday 1st February to Friday 6th February 2015. We will leave Perth on the morning of Sunday 1st February and travel by bus to the UWA Albany Centre. The first Retreat activity will take place on Sunday evening. Any students choosing not to take the bus will be responsible for their own travel and any costs incurred, and should ensure that they arrive in Albany for the opening session on Sunday evening.

We will have access to most of the Albany Centre, including 24-hour access to some areas. Computers will be available for your use, but most people find it more convenient to bring their own laptops.

Accommodation will be “twin share” in apartments and rooms at the Best Western Motel, located 100 metres from the UWA Albany Centre. Accommodation costs will be covered and a light breakfast, lunch and morning/afternoon tea will be catered for at no expense to participants. Students will, however, need to supply their own evening meal. Any students choosing not to stay at the Best Western Motel will be responsible for their own costs.

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APPLICATION FOR A PLACE AT THE POSTGRADUATE WRITING RETREAT,
SUNDAY 1\textsuperscript{ST} – FRIDAY 6\textsuperscript{TH} FEBRUARY 2015

Student ID:

Family Name:
Other Names:

Address: Postcode:

Telephone contact: Home Mobile UWA/Work

Email contact:

School/s:

Degree:
International Student: Y/N

Commencement date:

Date of Confirmation of Candidature:

Maximum time limit:

Supervisor/s:

This form must be accompanied by

• A maximum 500 word statement addressing:
  o Goals for the retreat (what do you plan to accomplish during the retreat?)
  o Why you should be chosen to participate in the retreat
  o Previous experiences with thesis writing, including problems or challenges you have encountered in the past, and your responses to those challenges

• Completion plan for your thesis, including goals that have been set for the retreat

• A statement of support from your supervisor(s)

• Printout of milestone status from StudentConnect

Signatures

Co-ordinating Supervisor: ___________________________ Date: ___/___/____

Student: ___________________________ Date: ___/___/____

Once completed please deliver this application form to the reception desk at the Graduate Research and Scholarships Office by \textit{5pm on Friday 12\textsuperscript{th} December 2014}. 