

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The **KNIGHT WRITERS** Mentor Program operates within a complex writing-in-the-disciplines program which serves students from all seven of Cornell's colleges. The students we serve are undergraduate and graduate student writers; they are students with both consistently strong and unevenly developed academic preparation; they are domestic and international students; they are confident and fragile students and writers. The range of student abilities and interests found in our dynamic writing program is quite broad.

JOB DESCRIPTION

KNIGHT WRITERS are dedicated writing tutors – peer mentors – who meet weekly with assigned First-Year Writing Seminar students to build ongoing writerly relationships. **KNIGHT WRITERS** typically work between two and five hours per week and are required to attend one staff meeting per month.

During tutorials, **KNIGHT WRITERS** may:

- help writers get started with essays by reading and discussing a writing assignment, evaluating research material, or brainstorming an outline;
- discuss ways to shape coherent arguments, make strong use of evidence, and work with appropriate citation conventions;
- consider questions about depth of analysis, organization, thesis definition, audience expectations, paragraph development, stylistics, or sentence structure;
- identify patterns among errors in grammar or usage and to develop effective strategies for their own line-editing.

In short, **KNIGHT WRITERS** peer mentors serve as responsive listeners and readers who can address questions about the writing process or about particular pieces of writing. They might also address issues of confidence, critical reading, analytic thought, and imagination.

Because writers reach higher with a STEADY SYSTEM of writing support.

APPLICATION PROCESS

If interested in applying to become a **KNIGHT WRITERS**, please follow the directions below:

- **UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS**
 - **Prerequisite:** Successful completion of First-Year Writing Seminar requirement
 - Complete the attached application form and submit it, with a writing sample, to 174 Rockefeller Hall
 - **DEADLINES:**
 - Fall – Third Friday of September by noon
 - Spring – Second Friday of February by noon
- **GRADUATE STUDENTS**
 - **Prerequisite:** Enrolled status, experience teaching or tutoring and/or successful completion of Writing 7100/01
 - Submit a CV and letter of interest detailing relevant employment or coursework
 - **DEADLINE:** Applications accepted on a rolling basis

Application to work as a KNIGHT WRITER

Name _____
College _____ Major _____ Year _____
Address _____
Email _____
Phone _____

Work Experience

Relevant Coursework

References

Writing Sample: Please attach a sample of your academic writing (an essay, not a story) of at least 5 pages.

