APPLICATION FOR THE BUTTRICK-CRIPSEN FELLOWSHIP
2019–2020

An academic-year of support during which the Fellow can devote him- or herself
to the study and practice of teaching writing within
and beyond the context of her or his own discipline

The Buttrick-Crippen Fellowship is open to candidates with an interest in undergraduate writing from any field of
the Graduate School at Cornell. Preference will be given to those who are enrolled in a Ph.D. program. The award
is intended for graduate students who have had substantial teaching experience.

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John S. Knight Institute for Writing in the Disciplines and will teach that seminar in the spring. In 2019–20 the
award will provide a stipend ($26,426 in 2018–19), tuition, and health insurance. The Fellow may receive the
opportunity to attend appropriate conferences. He/she may also be invited to participate in various Knight
Institute activities and will be expected to submit a final report on the development of his or her course at the end of
the teaching semester.

The application should include:

• a description of the proposed seminar’s focus, the applicant’s interest and background therein,
  and the applicant’s conception of its place in the Institute and of its appeal to undergraduates
  (particularly first-year).
• discussion of the integration of the study of writing and reading.
• discussion of the kinds of writing assignments the applicant plans to give.
• copies of student evaluations, if the applicant has taught a First-Year Writing Seminar or any other course
  before.
• any other information about the seminar and its place in the Institute that the Committee may find helpful
  and interesting.
• a vita.
• supporting letter(s) of recommendation.

Your name ________________________________ Graduate field ______________________

Local address ______________________________ Local telephone __________________

______________________________ e-mail address __________________

Recommender(s) ___________________________________________________________

Proposed Course Title ________________________________

Should I win this fellowship, I give the John S. Knight Institute permission to publish, quote from,
and/or distribute copies of my proposal and/or final report, and to distribute publicity to newspapers
and other publications, local and/or national, about my winning the prize.

Applicant’s signature ________________________________ Date ______________

Submit applications to:
Buttrick-Crippen Committee
c/o the John S. Knight Institute for Writing in the Disciplines
M101 McGraw Hall
no later than January 16, 2019
The Applicant

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• a discussion of the kinds of writing assignments the applicant plans to give.
• the applicant’s plans to relate reading to writing in the seminar, both in discussions and in writing assignments. For example, will some writing assignments be modeled after the kind of writing found in the reading?
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The Criteria

The Committee seeks applications that integrate writing into the study of a discipline. Seminars that fill gaps in the current set of offerings have been the strongest contenders in previous years. Applicants may consult the Institute’s website for listings of the Institute’s current offerings:

www.arts.cornell.edu/knight_institute

The primary purpose of the proposed seminar should be to help students write good English expository prose—prose that, at its best, is characterized by clarity, coherence, intellectual force, and stylistic control.

The seminar should adhere to a program-wide set of guidelines that includes the following:

• At least five—and at most eight—formal essays on new topics, totaling about 25 pages of polished prose.

• No fewer than three of the 5–8 required essays should go through a process of development under the instructor’s guidance (e.g. revision, peer review, responses to readings, conferences).

• All seminars should spend ample classroom time on work directly related to writing.

• Reading assignments in the course subject should be kept under ca. 75 pages per week to permit regular, concentrated work on writing.

• All students should meet in at least two individual conferences with the instructor.

Applicants who have not taught a First-Year Writing Seminar before should expect to take Writing 7100, “Teaching Writing,” in either the summer or fall of 2019.

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