The Writing Walk-In Service
One-on-one tutoring at any stage of the writing process.

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WRITING MENTOR PROGRAM: Application to work with a Writing Mentor

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: At the Knight Institute Writing Walk-In Service, trained graduate and undergraduate writing tutors are available five days a week, Sunday through Thursday, to discuss specific pieces of writing or questions about writing. Students can visit any one of our five campus locations from time to time or on a regular basis when they want one-on-one support to refine and develop strategies for drafting effective academic essays. We realize, though, that some students learn best with steadier systems of writing support. To address that need, we developed the Writing Mentor Program.

Writing mentors are available to work with undergraduate students who feel that their writing is not effectively communicating the depth and quality of their thoughts and ideas. Each semester, students are assigned a writing mentor with whom they meet weekly for the duration of the semester. Topics of discussion may include organization, development, and style of essays; planning, brainstorming, and revising; strategies for reading; the influence of background on one’s approach to academic writing; coping with adversity, optimizing success, and becoming familiar with campus resources and social networks. Above all, writing mentors work with students to develop a spirit of inquiry and a sense of empowerment through academic writing.

Preference is given to students enrolled in First-Year Writing Seminars or other courses with a substantial writing component.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

- **PREREQUISITE**: Enrollment in a FWS or course with a substantial writing component.
- **DEADLINE**: Applications accepted on a rolling basis, but preference given to those received within the first three weeks of the semester.

- Complete the application form below, and
- Submit a writing sample,
- To:  Tracy Hamler Carrick, PhD
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What is the title of your First-Year Writing Seminar (or other course with a substantial writing component)? Describe the kinds of writing assigned in it.

What do you consider your strengths and weakness as a reader and writer? Please write about BOTH!

**Writing Mentor Program Agreement**

I understand that working with a writing mentor means a significant commitment to improving my writing. I will attend weekly meetings for one hour per week for the duration of the semester. I will be responsible for setting the agenda at these weekly meetings; that is, I realize that I am responsible for bringing and being prepared to discuss reading material, writing assignments, outlines, drafts, and/or any other course materials. By submitting this application, I am agreeing, if offered a placement with a Knight Institute Writing Mentor, to attend and be prepared for weekly meetings, to be an active participant in my learning process, and to give my writing mentor consideration and respect.

Signature: ____________________________