

**Overview**

The Raab Writing Fellows Program, funded by UCSB Trustee Diana Raab, provides opportunities for mentoring and research in writing to selected undergraduates. This fellowship would be valuable for students interested in pursuing graduate work or in developing a writing project with an expert in the field. The program supports the academic and professional writing of students via one-on-one work with Writing Program faculty. Moreover, students have the opportunity to collaborate with the cohort of other Raab Writing Fellows, building a strong bond and writing network for their activities at UCSB and beyond.

Raab Writing Fellows can receive up to \$750 in support for project needs (e.g., books, travel, software). The fellowship does not provide academic units, but students can concurrently take an independent study with their Writing Program faculty mentor in order to receive units.

Raab Writing Fellows are expected to work with their faculty mentor throughout the year, attend two meetings of their cohort per quarter, and present their projects at a year-end showcase. Students of all majors, colleges, and class standing are eligible to apply. The deadline for applications for the 2016-17 cohort of Raab Writing Fellows is Monday, June 6.

**How to Apply**

Applicants should work with a Writing Program faculty mentor to develop a project proposal. The proposal should be one to two pages and should include the following:

- A project title and the name of the faculty mentor (the faculty mentor will submit a separate letter of support for the project)
- An overview of the project, including a description of what you ultimately intend to accomplish by the end of the year and present at the year-end showcase
- A statement of what you hope to gain from your project, including its significance to the broader goals of your undergraduate education
- A timeline indicating how you will organize your work on the project
- A description of possible expenses: what costs do you anticipate? How will you cover purchases beyond the \$750 limit?

Email the proposal as a PDF attachment to [rwf@writing.ucsb.edu](mailto:rwf@writing.ucsb.edu) by Monday, June 6, 2016.

**Review and Notification**

Applications will be reviewed in early summer by a committee of Writing Program faculty. Applications will be judged on their overall quality, academic and/or personal significance for the student, potential contribution to the Writing Program and UCSB community, and likelihood of completion. We anticipate accepting 15-20 Raab Writing Fellows in 2016-17. Applicants will be notified of the decision in mid-summer. The cohort of Raab Writing Fellows will have their first meeting early in fall 2016.

**Questions?** Write to [rwf@writing.ucsb.edu](mailto:rwf@writing.ucsb.edu).