



Kean University Writing Project Invitational Summer Institute

The overarching purpose of Kean University Writing Project is to support teachers in the teaching of writing. To that end, the Summer Institute provides participants with opportunities to dig into some of the challenges that can feel too scary or too hard when we take them on alone.

Institute staff provide extensive grounding in theory; best practices for teaching writing; protocols for designing, presenting, and reflecting on classroom lessons; models for building and working with collaborative teams; and personalized coaching and one-on-one mentoring. Through writing, talking, sharing, and writing some more, we work to transform the toughest challenges from our classrooms into our best ideas for pedagogical practice.

Institute Information and Timeline

All participants are required to attend all events listed below.

- ✚ Pre-Institute Session – A two-day orientation session; Dates TBA
- ✚ Summer Institute – July 6 – July 29, 2010 Monday through Thursday
- ✚ Fall Wrap Up – Meeting 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. in October; Date TBA

Application Timeline

- ✚ September 28, 2009 – Application Forms Available
- ✚ January 26, 2010 – Informational Open House
- ✚ April 9, 2010 – Application Deadline
- ✚ April 12-16, 2010 – Interviews of Prospective Participants (If Required)
- ✚ April 23, 2010 – Notice of Acceptance

Credit

Six hours' graduate credit in English A minimum of 40 professional development credits for Institute hours in excess of those required to earn the six graduate credits. Institute offerings will also include additional elective hours for individual advisement and coaching.

Cost

The cost of participating in the Summer Institute is approximately \$3300, payable by attendees or their districts when applicable. This amount covers basic tuition and fees and is subject to final budget/tuition determinations in June 2010. Additional federal and university monies support the Institute's extensive supplemental programming; services, such as coaching; technology; course materials; activities; and socials.

Stipend

Each invited participant will receive a stipend of \$1000.00.

Selection Criteria

To ensure that the Summer Institute fulfills its purpose and to orchestrate a match between participants' needs and the level and quality of experience provided by the institute, we consider applicants in terms of individual qualifications and in terms of how a given applicant's participation will contribute to the effectiveness of the institute, as well as to development of excellence in teaching in our region.

Programmatic Requirements

To meet programmatic objectives, each class of participants must represent a balance of representation at a range of institutions, teaching levels, disciplines, and learning contexts within our region so as to create a rich environment for learning, exchange, and maximum development of insights on teaching writing.

Individual Requirements

Individual participants must present a history of:

- proficiency in teaching
- commitment to writing and using writing to teach
- successful collaborative work with other teachers
- interest in trying new approaches to teaching

How to Apply

Complete the following form and mail to:

Kean University
Department of English
Attention: Dr. Linda Best
CAS 301
1000 Morris Avenue
Union, NJ 07083

Questions? Call Linda Best: (908) 737-0377 or e-mail kuwp@kean.edu



Application for the 2010 Kean University Writing Institute

Please attach a résumé with details of education and professional experience and your typed answers to the following questions.

1. Provide a brief description of your teaching situation now: school, level, subjects taught.
2. Describe how you teach writing in your classroom.
3. Describe an aspect of your writing instruction you find particularly successful which you might like to explore further and demonstrate to other teachers.
4. Describe an aspect of writing instruction you find perplexing and challenging. How might the institute help you to address this concern?
5. Describe an instance in which you have assumed a leadership role.
6. Please attach a sample of your writing. This could include professional writing such as a narrative report, a letter to parents, poetry, essays, short fiction, reflections, etc.
7. Complete the Qualtrics Technology Survey. (Online link will be provided via email once you submit your application. Your application will **NOT** be complete until you've taken the technology survey online.)

Certification: I have responded to all of the questions on this form. If accepted in the KUWP Summer Institute, I will attend all sessions including the pre-institute meeting and participate in follow-up activities, including a post-institute meeting held during the school year.

(Signature and date)

Please feel free to copy this form and share it with your colleagues!

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