

Writing Support for Graduate Students

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Who Are Writing Advisors?

- Specialize in academic and professional writing.
- Experience with navigating feedback and review process, publishing, and completing Masters and PhDs.
- Strong track record of successful grant and scholarship writing support.
- Support graduate students through all stages of the writing process.

What Do Writing Advisors Do?

- Deliver workshops to help you develop the necessary skills to write academic and professional documents.
- Offer 1-1 consultations to support students with writing tasks, including course papers, thesis chapters, grant applications, and specialized career documents.
- Facilitate weekly [Writing Cafes](#) to promote consistency and accountability for graduate students working on their theses.
- Organize weekly [Writing Sprints](#) to help students build momentum

How Do We Help Engineering Students?

- **Academic documents:** thesis proposals, thesis chapters, abstracts, papers for publication, and more
- **Scholarship documents:** grant applications, proposals, letters of intent, EDI statements, and more
- **Professional documents:** teaching statements, post-doc applications, co-op assignments and reports, and more
- Personalized feedback on structure, organization, flow as well as the writing process.

Why Should I Meet With A Writing Advisor?

- Feedback on written documents is essential to graduate writers' success.
- Learn to make your writing logical, concise, and engaging.
- Discover how to incorporate feedback into your writing.
- Get support with creating sustainable writing habits and developing writing confidence.
- Understand the art of tailoring your research for different audiences.

What Does A Writing Consultation Look Like?

- Make an in-person or remote appointment on WCOOnline.
- Share a 6-8 page excerpt (double-spaced) or an outline at least 48 hours in advance.
- Bring questions and concerns to the consult.
- Advisor will provide feedback on your writing and share strategies to address your writing concerns.

How Can I Make An Appointment?

- 50-minutes in-person or remote with a Grad Advisor
- No cost to current students.
- For appointments and queries, visit our [website](#), or make an appointment on [WCOnline](#).
- In-person consultations at Cameron 2-10.

How Can I Access Other Writing Supports?

- If you need guidance on graduate writing, register for a [writing workshop](#).
- If you're currently working on a writing project, join a [Writing Café](#).
- If you need help correcting a written document, try [academic copy-editing](#).
- If you have limited writing time, drop in on a [Writing Sprint](#) session.

