

Writer-in-Residence

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Description

The Writer-in-Residence (WiR) is a member of the university and Edmonton community from September through May. While the writer is encouraged to become involved in community activities, including consultations with and mentoring writers, ample time is provided to devote to his/her/their own writing projects. The WiR normally gives at least two readings in the department, as well as other readings in response to requests from the community. Although the WiR also may be invited to visit Creative Writing, Canadian Literature and other classes on campus, this is not a teaching position. It is assumed that the writer's physical residence will be in the city of Edmonton for the duration of the appointment.

Main Responsibilities:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work collaboratively with the WiR Committee in coordinating your activities and ensuring the success of the WiR program 	End of August/ Early September & ongoing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in the Inaugural Reading shortly after your arrival in Edmonton; introducing yourself, your writing, and how you see your role as WiR. 	September
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly office hours for consultation and discussion with students, individuals, and groups interested in writing 	Ongoing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and provide feedback on writing samples from students and individuals interested in writing 	Ongoing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit classrooms (on and off campus) by invitation and through your own initiative 	Ongoing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry on with your own writing 	Ongoing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occasional readings and talks (in Edmonton & vicinity) – at your discretion 	Ongoing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in/attend the Creative Writings Readings Series 	Ongoing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Engagement 	Ongoing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the EFS Author's Residency report by May 15. Please include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How this residency supported your writing goals ○ Number and titles of discussions held (individual or group) ○ Number and titles of readings you participated in ○ Number and titles of classroom visits 	May 15

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Number and titles of other activities that you participated in/organized ○ Overall evaluation and recommendations to improve the WiR program 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We strongly encourage you to apply for additional funding from sources, such as Canada Council for the Arts, for a project you would like to undertake as part of your residency 	See funding agency deadline(s)
Under Consideration, should funding become available	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● One-week residency at the Banff School of Fine Arts – Leighton Studios 	Sometime Oct - Apr
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● One-day Writer-in-Residence exchange with University of Calgary 	Sometime Oct - Apr

In light of the current global pandemic, you may be asked to work remotely, office space may not be provided, and some activities may be deferred, delivered electronically, or cancelled.

What is provided as part of your residency*:

- Supplementary Health Care and Dental Care benefits and a Health Spending Account (<https://www.ualberta.ca/faculty-and-staff/employee-benefits/health-dental-benefits/supplementary-health-care-academic-staff>)
- Access to the Employee and Family Assistance Program (<https://www.ualberta.ca/faculty-and-staff/employee-benefits/assistance-programs/efap-services>)
- Professional Expense Reimbursement (PER) Program (<https://www.ualberta.ca/faculty-and-staff/employee-benefits/funding-reimbursement/professional-expense-reimbursement>). Note: Goods purchased through PER are done so on behalf of the University of Alberta and therefore are University property. All University of Alberta property must be returned to the department head or supervisor prior to departure, including any equipment located on or off campus.
- Various other benefits as outlined in the TLAPS Benefit Highlights (<https://www.ualberta.ca/faculty-and-staff/employee-benefits/benefits-overview/temporary-librarian-administrative-and-professional-staff-8-months>)
- An office in the Humanities Centre with a telephone, PC computer, printer, and mailbox
- One-week stay at the [Leighton Studios at the Banff School of Fine Arts](#), funding permitting (1-week of accommodations, meals, and return bus fare between Edmonton to Banff).
- Opportunity to participate in a reading at the start of your residency
- Invitation to participate in a reading the following September to help welcome next year’s Writer-in-Residence, funding permitting.
- Opportunities to attend and participate in various classes on campus
- Opportunity to give a reading at the University of Calgary (1-day WiR exchange, funding permitting)
- Support for arranging travel for the Leighton Studios & University of Calgary trips (funding permitting)

Note: Expenses such as house hunting, relocation, lodging, living expenses, and furniture costs are expected to be covered by your stipend and personal funds.

Important Contacts: