

November 2, 2016

Dear Associate Professors:

I am pleased to announce the Mid-Career Faculty Writing Program, sponsored by the Provost's office. This program is designed to assist tenured associate professors, in rank for more than five years, with time and space to write. This year's program will take place during Spring semester, 2017. It is entirely voluntary, so interested faculty must self-nominate.

The program offers two components: (1) facilitated writing workgroups and (2) writing accountability groups. The facilitated workgroups allow for faculty to come together during a mutually-agreed-upon period of time to write, share their work, and receive feedback from a facilitator. The writing accountability groups provide a means for faculty to report on their progress toward their writing goals, and to problem-solve about obstacles to writing. Exact details in terms of frequency and times of the group meetings, for both components, will be mutually decided upon in collaboration with the senior faculty member facilitating each group. It is expected that the workgroups and the writing accountability groups will meet on a regular basis (at least once per month).

A list of your goals for participation is required in order to apply. It is recommended that you share these goals and your intention to participate with your department Head or Chair prior to participating. Department Heads/Chairs are being encouraged (but not required) to relieve faculty of some type of committee work (or departmental service of a different type) in order to facilitate participation in this program.

For fullest consideration, please complete and submit the following application by

Wednesday, November 23, 2016:

https://uic.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_87dTyUL3MSrU2rP.

I would encourage you to apply if you have been in rank as an associate professor for a while, you aspire to become a full professor, and you believe it would be helpful to have dedicated time with a mentor and your peers to focus on your writing. If you should have any questions about the program, please do not hesitate to contact the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs, Renée Taylor (rtaylor@uic.edu).

Sincerely,

Susan Poser
Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs