

Greater Kansas City Writing Project

Established in 1983, the Greater Kansas City Writing Project (GKCWP) is one of nearly 200 National Writing Project sites dedicated to the improvement of writing for all students. Our work is guided by the following principles:

- The best teacher of teachers is another teacher.
- Student writing can be improved by improving the teaching of writing.
- Programs designed to improve the teaching of writing should involve teachers at all grade levels and from all subject areas.
- Effective teachers of writing gain insight from their own writing experiences and also from the writing of their peers. Writing teachers should write.

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9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Monday - Friday

June 13 – July 8, 2011

Are you a teacher who wants to:

- explore new strategies for teaching writing?
- improve the writing and learning of Kansas City's diverse students?
- reflect on and inquire into your own practices as a teacher of writing?
- develop leadership potential as a member of a national network of teachers dedicated to equitable, relevant models of education?

If so, we invite you to apply to the GKCWP Invitational Institute.

**Participants receive
\$1,050
upon completion.**

**Participants enroll for either
three or six graduate credit
hours from UMKC.**

The Invitational Institute brings together outstanding teachers of writing who work with diverse students in all academic content areas, kindergarten through college. The Invitational Institute provides a supportive, dialogic environment in which to explore possibilities as writers, teachers and leaders. The theory and practice of writing are examined through individual demonstrations, reading and discussion of current research, and writing and sharing in writing response groups. Social justice and social action are a part of the experience in an attempt to support responsible approaches to the teaching of writing.

Application and selection process

1. Applications are reviewed in January by a selection committee made up of GKCWP teacher-consultants representing various schools and grade levels.
2. The selection process includes participation in an informal discussion group in February.
3. Need-based scholarship funds are available. Scholarship applications will be available in February.
4. Fellows will be selected in March. The selection committee will strive for a balanced distribution of teachers from different grade levels, content areas and student populations served. A maximum of 20 fellows will be accepted. Late applicants will be considered based on availability.
5. Fellows must be able to attend the pre-institute meeting May 7 and follow-up workshops Sept. 10 and Nov. 5.

For more information, contact Katie Kline, GKCWP director, at klinek@umkc.edu or call 816-235-2554. Visit the GKCWP website at www.umkc.edu/gkcwp.