**FAQs**

I'm a math major. Can I be a Writing Fellow?

Of course! Students from any major can apply to be a Writing Fellow. Every academic discipline involves writing at some level, and we work with classes in many disciplines. If you are interested in writing and not sure how your discipline approaches writing, now is a great time to find out!

What if I don't have a resume?

Don't stress out! You can either take this as an opportunity to create a resume (the [Career Center](https://careers.tufts.edu/)can help), or simply write a list with your name and contact info at the top, followed by a list of current and past paid employment, volunteer work, and/or co-curricular activities, including dates you were active with each position.

What are you looking for in the writing sample?

Generally speaking, we are looking for academic writing with a clear focus and organization and thoughtful analysis of course texts and/or researched sources. We value written voice, creativity, critical thinking, and analytical depth.

What happens after I submit my application?

Please be patient with us! Our team is small and we receive many applications. We need time to read and process them. Some applicants will be invited for one or possibly two interviews. Decisions will be made by April 15. Please do not contact us to inquire about the status of your application, as this only slows down the process. The exception is if you need to withdraw your application or if you have received an offer with conflicting training dates.

If I am chosen to be a Writing Fellow, do I really have to attend the training before classes? What if I want to be an RA, Explorations teacher, etc.?

Writing Fellows orientation is a required and necessary part of NEW Writing Fellows training. Due to the intensive nature of the training period and scheduling conflicts with other programs, new Writing Fellows cannot participate in other programs that have mandatory training or programing between **Wed, Aug 28 – Sat, Aug 31**. This may include but is not limited to Orientation Coordinators, Resident Assistants, Explorations Leaders, and Identity Center Interns. If you plan to participate in one of these programs, please consult their website or inquire with them about their training/programming dates.

If you are accepted as a Writing Fellow, you can do these activities *after* your first year as a Writing Fellow with no conflicts, as the orientation training is only required once.

You are welcome to \*apply\* to programs with conflicting dates. If you are accepted to a conflicting program and that program is your first choice, please withdraw your Writing Fellows application. If you are accepted to a conflicting program but Writing Fellows is your first choice, you may contact us for more information.

If I am accepted as a Writing Fellow, can I take a course overload in the fall while taking the Ex-College course?

The Ex-College course is a 3-SHU course with significant reading and writing as well as outside work. It is also intended as a placeholder to help students adjust to the unusual time-commitment demands of being a Writing Fellow. We strongly discourage taking a course overload because we want you to stay healthy and not overextend yourself.

Can I go abroad while I am a Writing Fellow?

If you are going abroad in the fall semester, please do not apply to be a Writing Fellow at the same time; instead, wait until the following year to apply. After you become a Writing Fellow and complete the fall training and course, you may take a leave from Writing Fellows for any reason, including to study abroad.