SWO Timeline

Applications Open

Applications open in mid-December

Students Apply

Students submit an application with two examples of their written work. Applications are reviewed approximately every two weeks and are accepted on a rolling basis.

Notification (~biweekly)

After regularly reviewing the applications (about every two weeks), we will notify students of their selection status; accepted, alternate, or not selected.

Commit to Program

After being accepted, students must complete their enrollment forms, including payment or financial aid application, in order to be enrolled in the program.

Final Preparations

Students pay remaining program costs and prepare for their virtual experience

Program Begins

Instructors will introduce students to the daily format and establish a strong community of writers that will learn from and inspire one another.

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Students attend virtual classes, learn from instructors and guest speakers, generate new work, and workshop one another's writing. There are lots of opportunities to interact, share and be inspired.

Program Ends

Students end with the opportunity to showcase their progress and celebrate with their community of writing peers.

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Typical Day at SWO

All times are listed in Central Time

9:30 - 11 a.m - Structural Approaches

Students will examine readings and engage in interactive discussion with the goal of learning to apply lessons to their own writing.

11 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Genre Study

Students will explore different genres (fiction, poetry, screenwriting) with the goal of expanding their writing horizons and finding what helps them thrive.

12 - 1 p.m. - Lunch Break

1 p.m. - 2 p.m. - Workshop

With instructors and peers, students will read and discuss one another's writing with a focus on what is being done well and what can continue to improve.

Time on Your Own

Outside of class, students will have some short readings to complete and will spend approximately one to two hours working on their own writing based on prompts from their instructors.

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