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## National Writing Centers Association Research Grant Guidelines

**Purpose:** The National Writing Centers Association (NWCA) serves to strengthen the writing center community through all of its activities. To encourage advancement of existing theories and methods and the creation of new knowledge, the NWCA offers its Research Grant. This grant supports quantitative, qualitative, theoretical, and applied projects associated with writing center research and application. (*Please note:* Applicants seeking support for theses and dissertations are not eligible for this grant; instead, they should apply for the NWCA Graduate Research Grant.)

**Award:** \$500.00–\$750.00

(*Note:* NWCA reserves the right to modify the award amount.)

**Application:** Complete application packets contain the following items (electronic applications accepted):

1. *Cover letter:* Addressed to the current NWCA President, the letter should do the following:
  - request NWCA’s consideration of the application;
  - introduce the applicant and the project;
  - specify how grant monies will be used (materials, travel, conference registration, etc.).
2. *Project Summary:* 1-3 page summary of the proposed project, its research questions and goals, methods, schedule, current status, etc. Locate the project within the relevant, extant literature.
3. *Curriculum Vitae*

**Process:** Upon receipt of the application, the NWCA President will forward copies of the complete packet to the Board for consideration, discussion, and vote. Applicants can expect notification 4-6 weeks from receipt of application materials.

### Stipulations:

1. NWCA support must be acknowledged in any presentation or publication of the resulting research findings.
2. Copies of resulting publications or presentations must be forwarded to NWCA in the care of the Executive Secretary.

3. Upon completion of project, the recipient must submit a final project report to the NWCA Board in care of the Executive Secretary. If project extends more than one year from receipt of grant monies, recipients must file a progress report to the Executive Secretary at the one-year point.

4. Recipients are strongly encouraged to submit a manuscript coming out of the supported research to one of the two NWCA-affiliated publications, *The Writing Lab Newsletter* or *The Writing Center Journal*, or to the National Writing Centers Association Press, with the understanding that they are willing to work with the editor(s) and reviewer(s) to revise the article for eventual publication.

For further information or to discuss project's fit to the award's guidelines, feel free to contact the current NWCA President. Names and addresses of the President and Board members are available on the NWCA Homepage at <http://departments.colgate.edu/diw/NWCA.html>.

## Computer List

Writing center personnel with Internet access may be interested in a list devoted to discussion of writing center practice and theory. WCENTER is for anyone interested in writing centers.

To subscribe to WCENTER, send a message to: [listproc@listserv.ttu.edu](mailto:listproc@listserv.ttu.edu)  
 Leave the subject line blank. In the message window, type a two-line message:

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subscribe wcenter <your name>
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## NWCA Web Site

For information about the National Writing Centers Association, visit the NWCA Web site at: <http://www2.colgate.edu/diw/NWCA.html>

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Checks should be made out to *The Writing Center Journal* and sent to:

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Photocopies are available of all other issues at ten cents a page.

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### **The Muriel Harris Outstanding Service Award**

- 1984 Muriel Harris
- 1987 Joyce Kinkead
- 1991 Jeanette Harris
- 1994 Lady Falls Brown
- 1997 Byron Stay

### **Outstanding Scholarship Awards**

- 1985 Stephen North, "The Idea of a Writing Center"  
  
Donald A. McAndrew and Thomas J. Reigstad, *Training Tutors for Writing Conferences*
- 1987 Edward Lotto, "The Writer's Subject is Sometimes a Fiction"  
  
Irene Lurkis Clark, *Teaching in a Writing Center Setting*
- 1988 John Trimbur, "Peer Tutoring: A Contradiction in Terms?"  
  
Muriel Harris, *Teaching One-to-One*
- 1989 Jeanette Harris and Joyce Kinkead, "Computers, Computers, Computers"  
  
Irene Lurkis Clark, "Collaboration and Ethics in Writing Center Pedagogy"
- 1990 Richard Behm, "Ethical Issues in Peer Tutoring"  
  
Lisa Ede, "Writing as a Social Process"  
  
Pamela B. Farrell, *The High School Writing Center*
- 1991 Lex Runciman, "Defining Ourselves: Do We Really Want to Use the Word 'Tutor'?"  
  
Jeanne Simpson and Ray Wallace, eds., *The Writing Center: New Directions*

- 1992 Alice Gillam, "Writing Center Ecology: A Bakhtinian Perspective"
- Muriel Harris, "Solutions and Trade-offs in Writing Center Administration"
- 1993 Anne DiPardo, "'Whispers of Coming and Going': Lessons from Fannie"
- Meg Woolbright, "The Politics of Tutoring: Feminism Within the Patriarchy"
- 1994 Michael Pemberton, Ethics Column in *Writing Lab Newsletter*
- 1995 Christina Murphy, "The Writing Center and Social Constructionist Theory"
- Joan A. Mullin and Ray Wallace, eds., *Intersections: Theory-Practice in the Writing Center*
- 1996 Peter Carino, "Theorizing the Writing Center: An Uneasy Task"
- Joe Law and Christina Murphy, eds., *Landmark Essays on Writing Centers*
- 1997 Peter Carino, "Open Admissions and the Construction of Writing Center History: A Tale of Three Models"
- Christina Murphy, Joe Law, and Steve Sherwood, eds., *Writing Centers: An Annotated Bibliography*
- 1998 Nancy Grimm, "The Regulatory Role of the Writing Center: Coming to Terms with a Loss of Innocence"
- 1999 Neal Lerner, "Drill Pads, Teaching Machines, Programmed Texts: Origins of Instructional Technology In Writing Centers"
- Eric Hobson, ed., *Wiring the Writing Center*
- 2000 Elizabeth Boquet, "'Our Little Secret': A History of Writing Centers, Pre- to Post-Open Admissions"
- Nancy Maloney Grimm, *Good Intentions: Writing Center Work for Postmodern Times*



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2001 Neal Lerner, "Confessions of a First-Time Writing Center Director"

Cindy Johaneck, *Composing Research: A Contextualist Paradigm for Rhetoric and Composition*

### **Graduate Student Research Awards**

1986 Evelyn J. Posey, "Microcomputers, Basic Writing, and the Writing Center"

1987 Mary Kilmer, "Writing Centers and Content-Area Courses"

1989 James Bell, "Perceptions and Behaviors of Writing Center Tutors"

1991 Eric Hobson, "Centering Composition Instruction: The Roles of Writing Centers in Composition Programs"

1995 Deborah D'Agati, "Writing Center Tutor Training and Classroom Response Groups"

Neal Lerner, "Teaching and Learning in a University Writing Center: An Ethnographic Study"

1996 Stuart Blythe, "Conceptualizing the Technologies of Writing Center Practice"

1999 Anne E. Geller, "Selected (Graduate-Student) Writing Center Tutors Reflect on their Teaching Experiences During their Initial Semesters on the Job"

## National Writing Centers Association Membership Form

### The Assembly:

The National Writing Centers Association, an NCTE Assembly, was founded in 1983 to foster communication among writing centers and to provide a forum for concerns. Comprising directors and staffs of writing centers at universities, two-year colleges, and public schools, the NWCA is governed by an Executive Board that includes representatives from the regional writing center organizations.

### Publications:

The Assembly sponsors two publications. *The Writing Lab Newsletter*, edited by Muriel Harris at Purdue, provides a monthly forum for writing center concerns during the academic year. *The Writing Center Journal*, edited by Joan Mullin and Albert C. DeCiccio, offers in its two issues per year longer articles on writing center theory and research.

### Awards:

NWCA offers the following awards: (1) an award to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to writing centers, and (2) awards to recognize outstanding publications on writing centers. In addition, small grants are available to graduate students whose research focuses on writing centers. NWCA also supports regional association conferences with speaker grants.

### Meeting:

The NWCA meets twice a year, once during NCTE and once during CCCC, and during a National Writing Centers Association conference in alternate years. At NCTE, NWCA sponsors either a day-long workshop, or an Active Writing Center; at CCCC, the assembly sponsors a special interest session, along with an exchange of writing center materials. Executive Board meetings are always open to the membership.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Options	U.S.	Canada	Overseas
NWCA Membership	\$10	\$10	\$10
<i>Writing Center Journal</i>	\$10	\$15	\$15
<i>Writing Lab Newsletter</i>	\$15	\$20	\$40
Membership + <i>WCJ</i>	\$20	\$25	\$25
Membership + <i>WLN</i>	\$25	\$30	\$50
Membership + <i>WCJ</i> + <i>WLN</i>	\$35	\$45	\$65

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