

Hello, fellow teachers!



Do you like to write? Do you hate it? Do your students feel the same way? Are you buried under a pile of writing you need to grade? Do you feel overwhelmed by everything your students need to learn as young writers? Come spend part of your summer with us, the **Lowcountry Writing Project**, to experience your own development as a writer and to energize yourself as a teacher of writing. Regardless of the content area or grade level you teach, we'd love to work with you and many of your teaching peers to support more effective (and maybe even less stressful) approaches to teaching writing well.



We at the **Lowcountry Writing Project** are recruiting 15 teachers from schools across the Lowcountry to participate in the 2018 Invitational Summer Institute that will be held at The Citadel. **Those who successfully complete the Institute will receive FREE credit for two graduate courses at The Citadel: ENGL 550, Professional Writing, and EDUC 589, Writing Methods, which gives you Read to Succeed credit for the Instructional Practices course** (required for elementary teachers).

The Institute will involve:

- 1) An **orientation and goal-setting meeting** with the participants, LWP co-directors, and partners prior to the Institute.
- 2) The first two weeks of the Institute—**June 18 through June 28**—would involve trying out new writing genres and digital tools as a writer yourself, listening to and providing peer presentations on high-quality writing instruction, and reading about research-based methods to support students' writing. We will also try out many of these methods out for ourselves, while receiving feedback from other expert teachers, who teach in contexts similar to your own, and Citadel professors. During this time, we will ask participants to set goals for how they might integrate innovative supports for writing and literacy into their classroom or school contexts. We will also visit Mother Emanuel Church and the Isle of Palms as we consider the relationship between writing and place.
- 3) The third week of the Institute, which would be held **July 9-13** (after July 4th week), would involve a **Young Writers' Camp** for both promising and struggling writers from downtown elementary and middle schools. The camp, which will be free for the students, would allow you to try out some of the techniques and strategies we learned in the first two weeks with actual students. In the afternoons, teachers will reconvene in order to reflect collaboratively upon our practice.

Interested? Applications are now due April 16, 2018. Go here to apply: goo.gl/EP3HNE.

Interviews will be held the following week. Please contact Lauren Rule Maxwell at lauren.maxwell@citadel.edu, Deborah Bobo at deborah_bobo@charleston.k12.sc.us, or Britnie Kane at kaneb2@citadel.edu if you have any questions. We hope you'll join us this summer!