The Minnesota Writing Project, an affiliate of the National Writing Project, presents its Twenty-sixth Annual Invitational Summer Institute and Retreat

The Institute offers you many opportunities to

♦ Become part of a community of writer-teachers
  Experiment with different genres
  Experience peer feedback
  Discover multiple writing processes

♦ Strengthen your professional voice on current theory and practice in literacy education

♦ Discuss current teaching challenges
  Assessment
  Digital literacies
  Diverse learners

♦ Expand your leadership potential for influencing literacy policy

♦ Establish connections with the National Writing Project and other organizations that shape the educational landscape

For further information call MWP at 612-625-6323 or go to mwp.umn.edu

“The MWP offers an experience that is like no other professional development or graduate course I have taken. It is designed by and for teachers in order to encourage reflection and lifelong learners and practitioners.”—2015 Participant

“Not only did I become a better writer and a confident one, but I was able to take these concepts and apply them to my classroom. I will be able to make my teaching better for my students, ... so they will be stronger writers, readers, thinkers, and students.”—2015 Participant

“MWP's impact on me as a writer has been transformational: getting the space and time to collaborate with other writers—my peers and colleagues—will have a lasting impact on me as a writer. Through them, I was able to find my long-silenced writer's voice. ... My students will greatly benefit from having a writer as a writing teacher.”—2015 Participant

Retreat:
A retreat from June 22 to 23 will kick off the Summer Institute.

Who:
Teachers of any subject, at all levels (kindergarten through college), who are interested in literacy education

When:
July 11-29, 2016
Monday - Friday, 9:00 - 3:00

Where:
10 Nicholson Hall
University of Minnesota

Credit:
Graduate credit included.

What:
Summer Institute participants give teaching demonstrations, participate in writing groups, and form reflective practice groups.

The Minnesota Writing Project is funded by the Center for Writing, the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Minnesota, and the National Writing Project.
Nomination/Application Process:

If a current member of MWP is familiar with your teaching, that person may obtain a nomination form from MWP for you. Otherwise, you may apply yourself by sending us, in a single envelope, all the items listed below:

1. A brief résumé
2. Supporting letters from
   • a teacher colleague
   • a principal, supervisor, or dept. head
3. A letter of application in which you describe:
   a. your beliefs about literacy instruction, including attention to meeting the needs of diverse learners or writing in the content areas, if applicable
   b. what goes on in your classroom that is evidence of your beliefs and strengths
   c. what you hope to gain from your participation in the Institute
   d. how your experience will benefit your school, district, or college

Deadline for Applications: Applications are being accepted now and will begin to be reviewed in February. If necessary, interviews will be conducted in March/April. Mail applications to:

Minnesota Writing Project
10 Nicholson Hall, U of MN
216 Pillsbury Drive, S.E.
Minneapolis, MN 55455

For the Invitational Summer Institute, we can only consider applicants who are available for the entire program (July 11-29), including the Retreat (June 22-23).