

Dear Educator,

You are invited to apply for the San Antonio Writing Project's 2009 Invitational Summer Institute, to be held on the campus of the University of Texas at San Antonio. The San Antonio Writing Project (SAWP), housed in the Graduate School of Education, is part of the network of the National Writing Project and is a collaborative program between the University of Texas at San Antonio and San Antonio area schools. SAWP's mission is to be a vital resource for teachers and area schools in the arena of writing and to serve as a model of professional development and excellence, teacher leadership, and reform.

We are seeking strong classroom teachers, school principals, and other educators who are helping students become better writers, who promote equity for all students, especially for English Language Learners, and who are interested in taking on leadership in the ongoing work of the San Antonio Writing Project.

Dates: **June 8, 2009 – July 9, 2009, Monday through Thursday** from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Where: The University of Texas at San Antonio 1604 campus

Summer Fellowship: 6 hours of graduate credit (tuition and fees will be paid)

The SAWP Invitational Summer Institute is at the heart of the Project, and with the experience and guidance of the National Writing Project, we can be clear about its purposes:

- to identify successful teachers of writing across all curriculum areas in San Antonio area schools and colleges who will be effective teachers of other teachers
- to identify approaches to the teaching of writing and the uses of writing-to-learn in all subject areas that have been successful in real classrooms, and that add to the profession's knowledge
- to involve teachers in their own writing so that they can better help their students
- to examine basic issues of equity and access as they affect student learning
- to make current research in the field writing and literacy available to teachers

At the end of the summer program, Fellows will be SAWP Teacher Consultants, an expanding network of exemplary San Antonio area educators. This lively, collegial network offers resources and programs for deepening your knowledge about the teaching of writing and literacy issues, opportunities to grow as a writer, and ongoing support to realize new projects and initiatives. You will also have opportunities to shape and carry out all of SAWP's professional development work in schools, summer programs for teachers, Young Writers' Camps, teacher research programs, Saturday Seminar sessions, special interest groups, and more.

We invite you to apply for the Summer Institute. Please complete the enclosed application and return to the SAWP office by **March 15th** at the latest. Interviews for the Institute will be held in April. We would be delighted to have you join us for unique chance to grow as a teacher, and we look forward to receiving your application.

Sincerely,

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Application for SAWP's 2009 Invitational Summer Institute

Please return application to the San Antonio Writing Project
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San Antonio, TX 78249
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--Application Deadline is March 15, 2008--

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Social Security Number			E-mail Address		
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Please respond to each of the following on a separate page:

1. Institutions attended, along with degrees and credentials earned.
2. Please list your current and past teaching experience (levels or subject, years of experience, name and locations of schools).
3. List any honors or achievements you have been recognized with as a teacher.
4. List professional affiliations, presentations, or organizations with which you associate yourself.
5. Briefly describe the students you presently work with.
6. What special strengths or talents would you bring to the San Antonio Writing Project?

Thank you for taking the time to consider becoming a part of the San Antonio Writing Project. Best wishes, and we look forward to receiving your application!

Note: You must also apply online to the UTSA Graduate School as a Special Graduate Student no later than **April 1, 2009**. Please apply as soon as possible; you do not have to wait for the deadline! The application, required materials for submission, and other information can be found online at: <http://www.utsa.edu/graduate/Admission/index.html>.