

JANUARY 7-11, 2018

Letter of Interest Deadline: November 7, 2017
Application Deadline: November 26, 2017

**A PROPOSAL
WRITING
RETREAT IN THE
PENNSYLVANIA
COUNTRYSIDE**



MQC and the Historic Glasbern Inn will host grantseekers at an intensive, five-day proposal writing retreat January 7-11, 2018.

Statements of interest are requested by November 7.

<http://www.mqcconsulting.com/january-writing-retreat.html>

Applications are due by November 26.

Email meg@mqcconsulting.com for application instructions.

THE FORMAT

"It's none of their business that you have to learn to write. Let them think you were born that way."
-Ernest Hemingway

In the tradition of writers' workshops, which carve out weeks of time not only for writing itself, but also for education and progressive critique, the MQC proposal writing retreat series is designed to give busy academics the time and support needed to create competitive grant proposals.



Over the course of five days, you will have structured time to convert your project idea into a competitive grant proposal. Program officers', peer reviewers', and fellow applicants' feedback will support your efforts to develop a strong grant proposal.

Daily morning and afternoon seminars will provide you with knowledge that will not only help you to situate your project within the broader field of fellow applicants, but also enable you to return to campus with the authority to brief colleagues on the federal budget and individual

agencies' priorities. Amid solid blocks of uninterrupted writing time, the agenda will also provide you with these opportunities:

-) **Learn to write with confidence** - develop a proposal backed by data and a demonstrated understanding of your field.
-) **Learn to write with style** - present proposal drafts for critique to experts in your field and to the elusive "well-informed generalists" who will round out every review panel.
-) **Learn to write convincingly** - use feedback from excellent writers who are, and aren't, peers in your discipline.
-) **Learn to write relevantly** - synthesize recent grant-funded research by your competitors, and make your specific case for funding.

FOOD AND LODGING

"A cynic is the man who knows the price of everything and the value of nothing."
-Oscar Wilde

Importantly, you will not have to spend time thinking about or calculating the cost of sustenance during your retreat time. MQC and Glasbern have partnered to offer you an exceptional experience throughout your stay.

Your guest suite will be spacious, with room to spread out your materials, write, and truly retreat. Light a fire, run a hot tub, and brew a coffee in your room. Join in three chef-designed, farm-to-table group meals per day. Gain inspiration during two evening receptions with your fellow writers.



STRUCTURE

"So the writer who breeds more words than he needs, is making a chore for the reader who reads."
-Dr. Seuss



Morning and afternoon seminars are optional, but encouraged, designed to offer you insight into the broad funding landscape and the peer review process. You are also invited to schedule time each day for group and individual critiques of your proposal drafts.

During the retreat, you will be asked to serve as a mock review panelist, providing detailed feedback on fellow writers' proposal drafts, according to the relevant agencies' review criteria. Just as real-world agency reviewer experience is vital to your understanding of the path your application will eventually take, so is your contribution to reviewing your fellow retreat participants' output.

Submit letters of interest by November 7, 2017

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Location: Glasbern Country Inn, 2141 Packhouse Rd. Fogelsville, PA 18051

Registration Fee: \$1,998 (inclusive of five days and four nights' lodging, all meals and beverages, workshop materials, and individual consultation)

Additional Fees: The registration fee does not include transportation to and from Glasbern, incidental expenses, or off-site activities. Negotiated pricing is available for companions traveling with workshop participants.

Participant Eligibility: Any individual who is qualified to pursue competitive grant funding is eligible to apply. Retreat applications are required to ensure that each participant is at a stage of proposal development that will benefit from the immersive retreat format: sustained periods of writing, daily edits, individual and group critiques of drafts, and morning and afternoon professional development seminars. A letter of support from an organizational leader familiar with the applicant's areas of interest and grant-readiness is required.

Application Submission: Request application information by submitting a brief letter of interest at <http://www.mqcconsulting.com/january-writing-retreat.html> by November 7, or by submitting an email to Meg Cantwell at meg@mqcconsulting.com. The application deadline is November 26.

Additional Information, Including Scholarship Requests:

<http://www.mqcconsulting.com/mqc-proposal-writing-retreat-january-2018.html>