

Job Posting: Creative Writing Faculty – Mixed Genre: poetry, fiction, or creative nonfiction (five positions available)

About GSA

Kentucky's Governor's School for the Arts (GSA) is an immersive residential summer program that empowers the Commonwealth's next generation of creative leaders. The GSA summer program convenes a community of high school rising juniors and seniors from across the state to live in residency for three weeks of intensive college-level training under the guidance of a faculty of professional teaching artists.

At its core, GSA is a youth empowerment program; we strive to affirm, inspire, and uplift our students toward embracing their identity, power, and potential as artists. The program emphasizes interdisciplinary collaboration, the impact that artist-citizens can make in their communities, and accessible college/career pathways that leverage students' creative gifts.

Students are selected through a competitive application process in one of GSA's nine core artforms: Creative Writing, Dance, Design, Drama, Film + Photography, Instrumental Music, Musical Theatre, Visual Art, and Vocal Music. The program represents a partnership between Kentucky's Tourism, Arts, & Heritage Cabinet and Kentucky Performing Arts, a non-profit organization based in Louisville, KY with a statewide mission. The summer program doubled in size in 2022 and will accept a total of over 500 students for two separate summer sessions in 2025.

About GSA's Creative Writing Program

Students in the Creative Writing program receive intense individualized and small group instruction in all aspects of writing, from the formulation of ideas to revising, publishing, and performing. Students participate in classes, workshops, field trips, and individual conferences with faculty members who are published authors. Students also read aloud their works-in-progress, learn peer editing techniques, design & create their own chapbooks, and participate in several public readings (including a reading for family and friends on the final day of the program). GSA writers meet and learn from a variety of visiting professional writers and guest artists.

About these positions

The Creative Writing faculty consists of three independent contractor positions, which are supported by a teaching assistant. They guide a class of approximately 28 young writers.

The 2025 Creative Writing program will take place at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, KY. Two sessions will be offered; **five vacant** faculty positions are available between **both sessions** (*three positions for session 1; 2 positions for session 2*). Important dates for this commitment are as follows:

Sunday, March 23, 2025: Faculty Planning Kick-Off Meeting (in-person in Lexington, KY or virtual attendance via Zoom)

April/May: Faculty work together to plan curriculum; this work can take place remotely and the pace/distribution of planning tasks is mostly self-directed by faculty. All faculty must participate in planning as a team.

SESSION 1

June 5, 6 & 7: Faculty arrival, orientation, and studio set-up

June 8 - 28: GSA program

June 29: Faculty depart campus

SESSION 2

July 3, 4 & 5: Faculty arrival, orientation, and studio set-up

July 6 - 26: GSA program

July 27: Faculty depart campus

Each position pays a base stipend of \$4,850; housing, food, laundry facilities, and campus parking are provided at no expense to faculty. A transportation stipend is provided to faculty who live more than 60 miles round trip from Lexington, KY. During the summer program, instructional days start as early as 9:00 a.m. and end as late as 10:00 p.m. Studio sessions take place seven days a week, although there are breaks scheduled in for faculty.

Position requirements:

- Master's Degree or equivalent in experience
- Experience in teaching and/or publishing work in at least one of the following genres: poetry, fiction, and/or creative nonfiction.
- Previous experience working with high-school aged writers strongly preferred.
- Ability and desire to collaborate with colleagues and proficiently function in a high-paced and intense learning environment.
- Ability and desire to mentor, teach, and lead a diverse group of students while maintaining a safe, affirming, and supportive classroom environment.
- Ability to live in residence during three weeks of summer program.
- This position will be offered contingent upon satisfactory results of a background check. The background check is only required if the position is offered; GSA covers the expense of the check.

To apply:

Please submit the following materials via [this link](#). Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit their materials by end of day **Friday, January 24th**, although applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

- Cover letter
- Resume
- Reference List

While application materials should be submitted via the above link, please direct any questions to gsainfo@kentuckyperformingarts.org or 502.566.5192.