



Application for Dissertation Writing Boot Camp

The Dissertation Writing Boot Camp (DBC) is a Communication Center program for graduate students. The mission of the DBC is to provide time, space, and resources for PhD students to encourage completion of the dissertation process, specifically to help participants

- make progress in the writing portion of their dissertations (includes proposals or journal articles that will later be used as dissertation chapters),
- learn how to set reasonable goals for writing ... and how to meet those goals,
- stay focused on writing and avoid other distractions (such as social media, television, other research, etc.)

This boot camp will take place during finals week (May 2nd-6th) in the Communication Center. PhD students participating in the boot camp will be expected to write from 9am until 5pm, with scheduled breaks and reflective sessions at the beginning and end of each day. Communication Center staff will be available throughout this week for half-hour tutoring sessions, which we will use to help students overcome writing problems that are inhibiting their progress. However, while we are offering tutoring, we will not be editing the students' work.

This opportunity is for PhD students who

- have completed enough of their research that they can focus on writing throughout the week,
- can and will participate in the entirety of the boot camp, and
- may need to take advantage of an opportunity like this to overcome writer's block or a writing slump.

To be considered for the DBC, please complete this application form by 5pm on April 22nd and send it to commlab@gatech.edu or drop it off at the Communication Center in Clough 447.

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Georgia Tech ID# _____ Department & Degree _____

E-mail _____ Telephone _____

Dissertation Advisor Name

Dissertation Advisor Signature

Applicant Signature



Please describe how much progress you have made towards completing your degree thus far. *(Specifically, please provide any information that will help us to understand how much **writing** you have completed. For example, what part of your dissertation are you currently writing/working on? Have you completed any papers that will form dissertation chapters? Are these published articles? Have you finished your dissertation proposal or had it approved? Etc.)*

How would this Dissertation Writing Boot Camp benefit you? *(Please remember that this is not a week focusing on the fundamentals of writing or on writing in your discipline. Our goal is to provide you with the time, space, and resources you need to write your dissertation.)*

Please describe **all known conflicts** that would interfere with your ability to participate in this Boot Camp in its entirety. *(The Boot Camp will take place from 9 am to 5 pm from Monday, May 2nd through Friday, May 6th.)*