

BMCC WAC Faculty Fellows Application

Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) at BMCC supports a culture that recognizes writing as a fundamental part of knowledge-making and communication in all academic disciplines. BMCC's WAC program is one of the oldest at CUNY, but with changes from the CUNY Graduate Center, CUNY-wide WAC programs have also shifted. As a response to these changes, we established our Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) Faculty Fellows Program program for AY 2025-2026.

We have a couple of spots open for AY 2026-2027 and would like to invite WAC-certified BMCC faculty members to apply for an opportunity to serve as a WAC Faculty Fellow.

Fellows will receive funding over one academic year and may reapply for a second academic year. They will work in active and structured ways with the WAC Program and the broader WAC community at BMCC. The goal of the program is to develop a community of educators who are committed to improving, enhancing and innovating practices that support student writing and learning in the disciplines. As a Faculty Fellow, you will be a member of the BMCC WAC Faculty Network and play an active role in supporting and strengthening our active and growing WAC community of practice at BMCC. In addition to these benefits to our program, we hope to provide an opportunity for WAC Faculty Fellows to develop pedagogical innovations and workshops that they can further develop, refine and/or later share with a broader audience beyond BMCC.

Timeline

Spring 2026

WAC Faculty Fellow Applications Open: See below for application process. Deadline for submitting application: May 29, 2026. Fellows will be notified by June 15, 2026.

Fall 2026/Spring 2027:

In Fall 2026, WAC Faculty Fellows will begin their service and continue through Spring 2027. Those interested can apply for a second year as a WAC Faculty Fellow.

Faculty Fellows will receive **\$650 per semester for two semesters for a total of \$1300 over the course of one year. Fellows can reapply to serve an additional year for a total of two years of service.** Five Fellows will be selected in each Fellowship cycle.

WAC Faculty Fellows will:

- Enhance their own WAC practice and pedagogy with advanced exploration of pedagogy, including but not limited to analyzing and interrogating academic genres and disciplinary conventions of writing; considering strategies for writing assessment

and providing student feedback; enacting antiracist pedagogy in relation to writing; fostering writing reflection and metacognitive writing; considering ethical and effective ways of integrating AI into writing assignments. Each fellow will select their own topic of inquiry and select readings to share with the group.

- Meet with WAC Co-Coordinator responsible for organizing and facilitating their pedagogical discussions and work for the program twice a semester.
- Mentor training faculty as they design their WI course: work with them and provide feedback as they develop effective low stakes writing-to-learn and formal revised writing assignments; rubrics and grading standards; cultivate effective approaches to responding to student writing; and develop their portfolio for WAC certification.
- Continue to be a resource and support for their training partners as they implement their first WI course.
- Attend faculty training workshops and lead one discussion/activity per semester covering a basic WAC principle or strategy. Training workshops are on **Fridays, 10:00-11:30 during the Fall semester and Mondays, 2:00-3:30 during the Spring semester.**
- Develop and run one Refresher workshop per year for the larger WAC community on a topic or strategy of their choice, related to WAC in the BMCC classroom.
- Contribute to WAC projects, like assessments and WAC events.
- Complete an evaluation survey and written reflection at the end of their two semesters as a means for ongoing assessment of the program.

All faculty members who have previously been WAC/WI certified at BMCC and who have been continuously teaching WI courses for the last two years are eligible to apply.

If you have any questions or want to know more about this opportunity, please reach out to Christa Baiada (cbaiada@bmcc.cuny.edu), Rifat Salam (rsalam@bmcc.cuny.edu) or Holly Messitt (hmessitt@bmcc.cuny.edu) for more information.

To Apply: Submit your letter application to Christa Baiada (cbaiada@bmcc.cuny.edu), Rifat Salam (rsalam@bmcc.cuny.edu) and Holly Messitt (hmessitt@bmcc.cuny.edu) by Friday, May 29, 2026. Please include:

1. Name, Department, Title, List of WI courses taught
2. Sample syllabus and assignment
3. Letter of Application (1 page) in which you:
 - Identify the ways you have incorporated WAC principles into your courses
 - Reflect on why you want to become a WAC Faculty Fellow.
 - Share any other goals, concerns, or context that you feel are useful or relevant to your application.

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