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GAVILAN READING & WRITING FELLOWS PROGRAM

Gavilan Reading & Writing Fellows Program Mission

Gavilan College Reading and Writing Fellows Program promotes strong academic identities and provides leadership roles for students from diverse backgrounds using peer-to-peer engagement in and out of the classroom. The program fills identifiable gaps in relationships between teachers and students, links participants to important campus resources, and provides strategies and approaches for a variety of reading and writing tasks. In doing so, it fosters academic possibilities as participants experience more fully their intellectual, creative and expressive strengths.

Who are Fellows?

Fellow leaders are students themselves, and are prepared to share with you what they have learned over the years about how to study. They know the course content and are excited to help guide you through it. They will be in class with you every day, hearing what you hear and reading what you read. What they won't do is lecture or tell you what to do; their job is to help you develop the study skills you need to succeed in this class and beyond.



Fellows are extensively trained student tutors who act as guides, role models, and mentors for peers enrolled in classes in which the fellow has already demonstrated success. They are a bridge between the classroom and students developing an independent sense of their own scholarly identity beyond it. Inside the classroom, Fellows participate in discussions and group activities. Outside of the classroom, they can hold out-of-class study/homework sessions. In both scenarios Fellows provide students with the following types of support:

- Guidance, inspiration, and support
- Experience with writing, reading, and other study skills
- Out-of-class homework support, specific to class assignments
- Essay brainstorming, organizational strategies, identification of developmental patterns and compositional shapes, strategies for gaining written clarity, and editing and proofreading approaches.
- Guided collaboration with students in small groups and pairs
- Instructor awareness of student confusion and/or crisis
- Connections to and awareness of a multitude of campus resources and sources of support
- Expansion of academic possibilities for students
- Linkages between the academy and students' communities and cultures as Fellows mirror the the diverse communities in which our students participate and call home more often than current Gavilan faculty
- Empathetic listening and understanding to students' needs and experiences

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Friday

8:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

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