Non-Fiction Writer in Residence

Simon Fraser University (SFU) Library invites applications for a Non-Fiction Writer in Residence for a four-month residency.

Location
Simon Fraser University offers more than 100 undergraduate major and joint major programs and more than 45 graduate offerings, spanning many disciplines in eight faculties, and has an international reputation for its innovative interdisciplinary and professional programs, and its commitment to community engagement. The SFU Library’s main branch, W.A.C. Bennett Library, is located on the Burnaby campus, while the Samuel and Frances Belzberg Library is on the Vancouver campus, and Fraser Library is at SFU Surrey.

SFU Library acknowledges the Sḵwx̱wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), xwməθkwəy̓am (Musqueam), səllilwətaʔɬ (Tsleil-Waututh), Ɂ Vilx̣̱ (Katzie), and kwikʷəƛ̓əm (Kwikwetlem) peoples, on whose traditional territories Simon Fraser University's three campuses stand. By recognizing the Unceded Traditional Coast Salish territories, we aspire to create space for reconciliation through dialogue and decolonizing practices.

SFU Library Non-Fiction Writer in Residence Program
SFU Library’s Non-Fiction Writer in Residence program focuses on writing for public audiences, emphasizing the power of sharing academic knowledge in the broader community.

Launched in 2020, our inaugural Non-Fiction Writer in Residence was Dr. Mark Winston.

Role of the SFU Library Non-Fiction Writer in Residence
The Non-Fiction Writer in Residence will play an important role in the Library by showcasing and celebrating writing for public audiences and enhancing the SFU community’s capacity to tell compelling research and scholarship stories. This work complements the Library’s activities in the area of knowledge mobilization. This opportunity will also enable the Writer in Residence to make progress on their own writing projects.

The Library is seeking a writer and communicator with experience writing non-fiction for public audiences, experience teaching or mentoring writers, and an enthusiasm for growing the expertise of the SFU community in sharing knowledge with the public. We encourage applications from non-academic writers with expertise in writing for the public (including journalists, essayists, communicators, and others) and experience in teaching or mentorship, as well as academics with teaching experience and demonstrated expertise in writing for public audiences.
The Non-Fiction Writer in Residence will have the following responsibilities:

- Develop events or programs showcasing non-fiction writing that brings scholarship to a public audience.
- Deliver workshops for small groups to build public writing skills for SFU faculty, graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and staff.
- Offer opportunities for SFU faculty, graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and staff to receive feedback and support on their own public writing projects.
- Work on their own writing projects.

SFU Library warmly encourages and welcomes applications from candidates of all genders, people of colour, persons of First Nations, Inuit, or Métis heritage, persons with disabilities, and LGBTQ2SIA+ identified persons.

Terms of appointment

- Remuneration: $20,000 CAD
- A four-month part-time residency, either September-December 2021 or January-April 2022

The amount of in-residence time and virtual interactions are flexible. Even post-COVID, we welcome applications ranging from completely in-person to some in-person visits supplemented with virtual workshops and other programming.

To apply, please submit:

- a resume or academic CV
- a sample of your public writing
- a letter of application (please address your experience teaching, mentoring, or facilitating workshops in addition to your other qualifications)

Send your application by email in one consolidated PDF document to:

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Deadline for submissions: March 31, 2021