

# **GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL**

BY GRADUATE STUDENTS, FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

**GENERAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023**



# PLEASE EAT PASTA!



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**ICEBREAKER**

# SEPTEMBER MEETING OUTLINE

1. Land Acknowledgement
2. GSC Vision/Mission and About GSC
3. **Speakers: ASCSU Vice President and HABIC**
4. Meet the Officers
5. Goals for the Upcoming Year
6. Ways to Get Involved in GSC
7. Committee Members Needed
8. General Announcements

# CSU LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Colorado State University acknowledges, with respect, that the land we are on today is the traditional and ancestral homelands of the Arapaho, Cheyenne, and Ute Nations and peoples. This was also a site of trade, gathering, and healing for numerous other Native tribes. We recognize the Indigenous peoples of this land and all the relatives within it. As these words of acknowledgment are spoken and heard, the ties Nations have to their traditional homelands are renewed and reaffirmed.

CSU is founded as a land-grant institution, and we accept that our mission must encompass access to education and inclusion. And, significantly, that our founding came at a dire cost to Native Nations and peoples whose land this University was built upon. This acknowledgment is the education and inclusion we must practice in recognizing our institutional history, responsibility, and commitment.

# SPEAKER



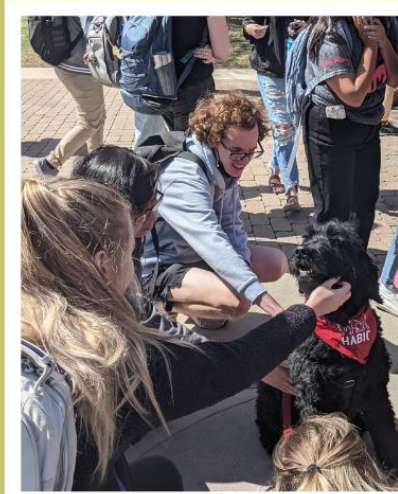
Alex Silverhart (he/his)  
**ASCSU Vice President**

# SPEAKER



HABIC Representative





# DE-STRESS WITH PETS

Event Updates  @humananimalbondcolorado





# New Graduate Certificate Program!

## Social Aspects of Human-Animal Interactions (HAI)



### Online Only

Students in this online program will study techniques specific to animal-assisted therapy and interventions.



### Courses

#### SOWK 550

Animal Assisted Therapy and Human-Animal Bond

#### SOWK 557

Human-Animal Interventions Grief and Loss

#### SOWK 677

Trauma-Informed Care



### 9 Credits

Can be completed in three semesters.



**Want to learn more about it? Contact**  
**Helen Holmquist-Johnson, HABIC Director**  
[helen.holmquist-johnson@colostate.edu](mailto:helen.holmquist-johnson@colostate.edu)

# VISION AND MISSION

## **Vision**

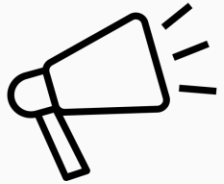
We envision a diverse, enriching research and academic environment with mentors who foremost support the needs and future direction of students, and an administration that prioritizes the physical, mental, and social well-being of the graduate student body.

## **Mission**

The mission of the Graduate Student Council is to foster a sense of worth and comradery among graduate students; to encourage and recognize that a diverse and inclusive student body strengthens our community; to listen to the needs and concerns of the graduate student body through representatives and amplify their voices to the Graduate School. Additionally, the GSC provides professional development and social opportunities, procures funds for graduate student organizations, and provides quarterly awards for supply and travel.

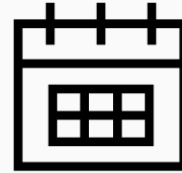
The GSC has developed long-standing and effective relationships with administrators to advance the interests and protect the rights of the graduate student body. The GSC is proud of its history of advocacy and will continue to act as a strong and unified proponent for graduate students at CSU.

# WHAT GSC DOES FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS



## **Advocacy**

GSC advocates for policies, procedures, and programs that benefit graduate and professional students at the administrative and community levels.



## **Events**

GSC hosts social and wellness events throughout the academic year to benefit the graduate student community!



## **Grant Programs**

GSC supports two grant programs: a Travel Grant to cover costs for attending conferences and a Professional Development and Supply Grant to fund expenses or supplies related to your thesis, work, or career development!

# LAST ACADEMIC YEAR'S GOALS

1. Gain comprehensive university representation in the Council
2. Improve graduate student compensation university-wide
3. Expand the GSC budget to offer more grants and socials
4. Formalize systems to improve the mentor-mentee relationship and improve graduate student voice/advocacy (e.g., JEDI)





## 2023-24 GSC OFFICERS

**Co-Presidents:** Derek Newberger (he/him) and Erin Snyder (she/her)

**VP of Advocacy:** Shelby Davis (she/her) *\*missing in photo*

**VP of Engagement:** Brittany Lynner (she/her)

**VP of Finance:** Srishti Gupta (she/her)

**VP of Grants:** Nancy Ghanem (she/her)

**VP of Information:** Vigor Lam (he/him)

**Advisor/Dean of Graduate School:** Dr. Colleen Webb (she/her)



# WHICH GOALS ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU?

Where do you think graduate priorities should be this year? Are there other areas of advocacy or concern that the Graduate Student Council or Graduate School should be focusing on this year?

# OFFICER INTRODUCTIONS + UPDATES



Derek Newberger (he/him)

Erin Snyder (she/her)

**Co-Presidents**









# CO-PRESIDENT UPDATES

1. Most successful graduate student picnic in GSC history (500+)
2. Department representatives - VP of Information
3. 5% increase in graduate student stipend- President Parsons
4. New graduate student space - Still in development



# OFFICER INTRODUCTIONS + UPDATES



Vigor Lam (he/him)  
**VP of Information**



*Vigor has class at 7pm!*

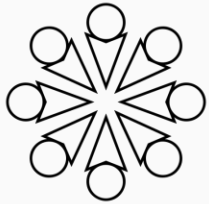
# GSC DEPARTMENT REP RESPONSIBILITIES



- Attend monthly meetings – first Tuesday of every month at 6 pm – either virtually or in-person
- Volunteer internally at least once a semester (scoring grant applications, grading posters for the Graduate Student Showcase, etc.)
- Represent your department voice to GSC – discuss concerns, issues, and/or initiatives with fellow graduate students and communicate between your department and GSC
- On average, GSC asks that you send at least one email per month to graduate students in your program

**Interested in becoming a representative? E-mail [gscsu@gmail.com](mailto:gscsu@gmail.com).**

# GSC COMMITTEE REPS RESPONSIBILITIES



- GSC has internal committees that meet on various issues:
  - Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI)
  - Wellness Wednesdays
  - Grants
  - Budget
- Internal committees generally meet once or twice per month.
- You do not need to be a representative to sit on an internal committee, but it is recommended!

**Interested in joining a committee? Check the meeting agenda to learn more about internal committees or e-mail [gscsu@gmail.com](mailto:gscsu@gmail.com)!**

# FACULTY COUNCIL AND OTHER COMMITTEES



GSC helps fill seats in various faculty council committees to ensure that the graduate student voice is represented across campus.

The committees that are still seeking graduate student representatives this year include:

- Committee for Intercollegiate Athletics
- Committee on Strategic and Financial Planning
- University Policy Review Committee
- University Technology Fee Advisory Board
- University Alternative Transportation Fee Advisory Board

**Interested in joining a committee? Fill out the form in the meeting agenda or e-mail [gscsu@gmail.com](mailto:gscsu@gmail.com)!**

# OFFICER INTRODUCTIONS + UPDATES



Shelby Davis (she/her)  
**VP of Advocacy**



# ADVOCACY UPDATES



- How can I support you?!



# OFFICER INTRODUCTIONS + UPDATES



Brittany Lynner (she/her)  
**VP of Engagement**

# WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS

Join us monthly to build community and find a sense of belonging among your peers by engaging in a wellness activity!

8/30 - **Campus Bike Tour** 

9/13 - **Reservoir Ridge Hike** \*RSVP

9/27 - **De-Stress with Pets** from 1-2pm @ Student Services Building

10/11 - **Ride or [Tie-]Dye: GSC Does Homecoming** from 12-1:30pm @ LSC Plaza \*RSVP

10/25 - **De-Stress with Pets** from 1-2pm @ Student Services Building

~~November and December activities are TBD~~

# OFFICER INTRODUCTIONS + UPDATES



Nancy Ghanem (she/her)  
**VP of Grants**

# GSC CONFERENCE TRAVEL GRANTS

<b>Opens 12am MT on</b>	<b>Due by 5pm MT on</b>
Monday, 8/14	Friday, 9/1
Monday, 10/9	Friday, 10/27
Monday, 12/11	Friday, 12/29
Monday, 2/12	Friday, 3/1



# GSC PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & SUPPLY GRANTS

Opens 12am MT on	Due by 5pm MT on
Monday, 9/11	Friday, 9/29
Monday, 11/13	Friday, 12/1
Monday, 1/8	Friday, 1/26
Monday, 3/11	Friday, 3/29

# OFFICER INTRODUCTIONS + UPDATES



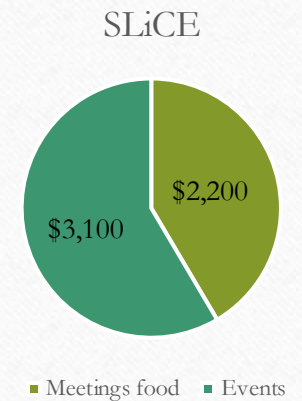
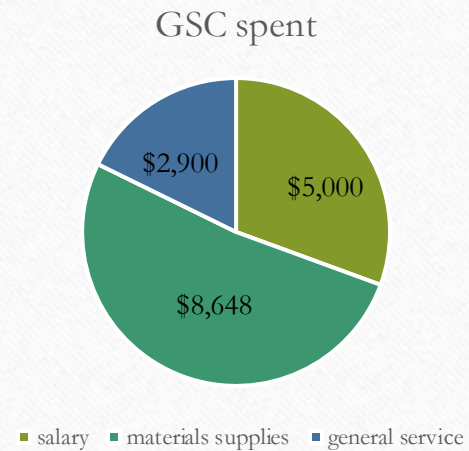
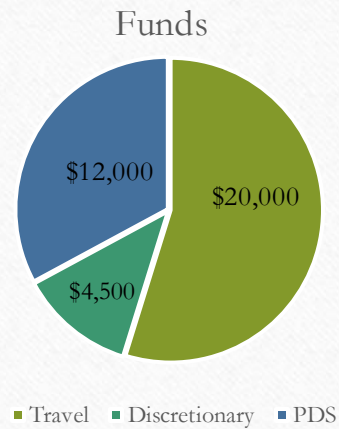
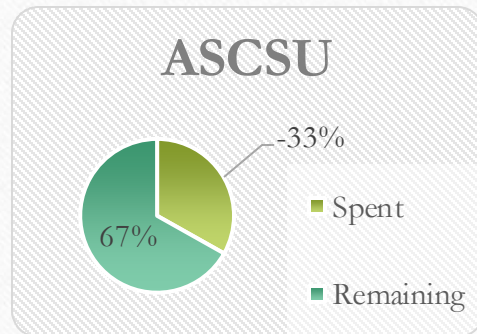
Srishti Gupta (she/her)  
**VP of Finance**

GSC is funded from ASCSU, SLICE and Graduate school. For the year 2023-2024, GSC has \$44,500 secured in funding for travel/supply grants, events, officers service awards, and meetings.

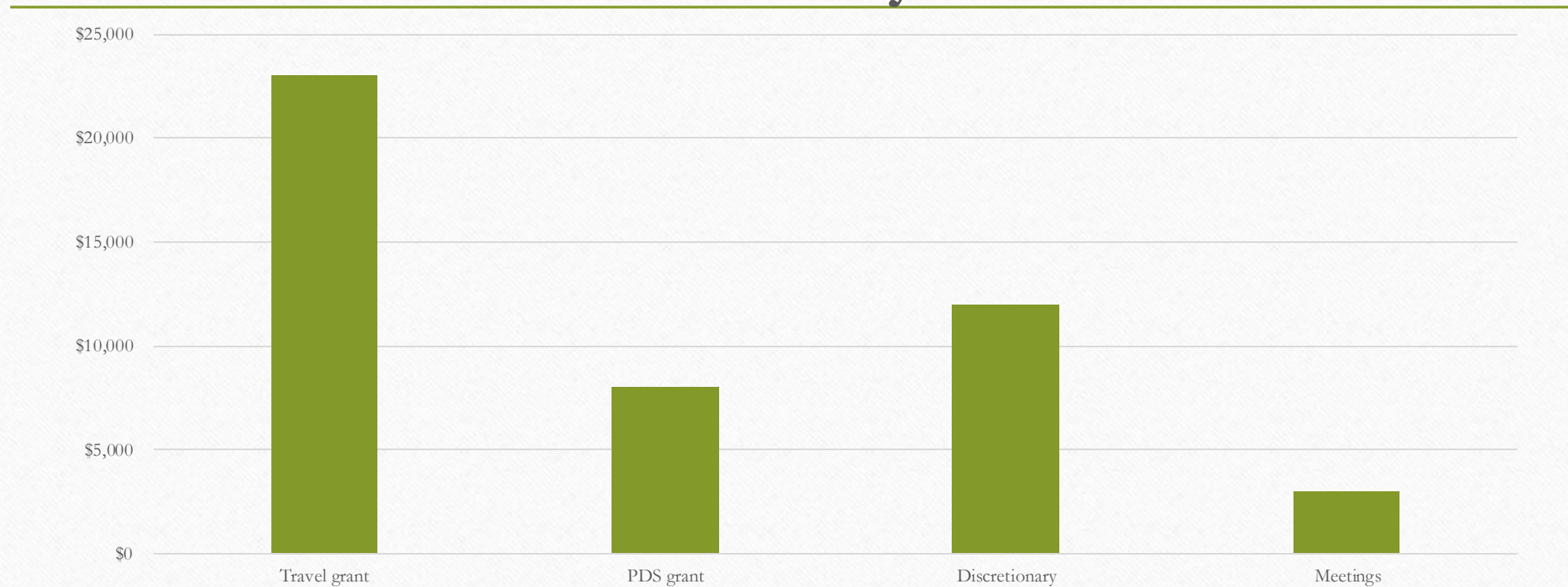




# Expenses from 2022-2023



## Expected spending: 2023 -2024 academic year

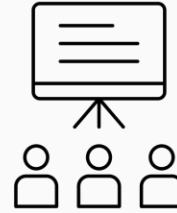


# WAYS TO GET INVOLVED



## **Become a member!**

Join our email list and receive regular updates about the GSC and things going on around campus



## **Attend meetings!**

First Tuesday of every month from 6-7:30pm in-person and via Zoom.



## **Become a representative**

Share important updates and resources with graduate students in your department.



## **Join a committee**

Join an internal GSC committee or ask about serving on a university-wide committee.

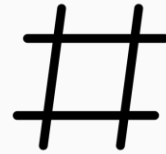
**And more soon...**



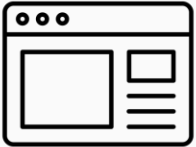
# FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!



**Instagram**  
@gscsu



**Twitter**  
@gscsu



**Website**  
[gsc.colostate.edu](http://gsc.colostate.edu)



**Email**  
gscsu@gmail.com



**Next Meeting**  
October 3, 2023



# GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS





# *Food for Thought*

Join in building friendship and community across diverse religious, spiritual and secular identities. Enjoy a free dinner and facilitated conversation on a variety of topics. All CSU students are welcome.

**Thursdays 6-8pm**

9/7, 9/21, 10/5, 10/19, 11/2, 11/16, 11/30

In the **Foundry Dining Center**

accessible through Corbett and Parmelee Halls

Sponsored by  
CSU's Multifaith and Belief Initiatives



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Space is  
limited.  
For more info  
and to RSVP  
scan this code





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# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRADUATE STUDENTS AND POSTDOCS

Register at [col.st/6CLEa](https://col.st/6CLEa)



## COMMUNICATIONS SKILLS

Aug. 29 | Noon-1:30 p.m. | Zoom  
NSF Graduate Research Fellowship  
Program Information Session  
with successful GRFP Awardees and scholarship experts

Sept. 12 | Noon-1:30 p.m. | Zoom  
Thesis & Dissertation Writing Tips:  
How to Get Started and Stay Inspired  
with Dr. Kristina Quynn, CSU Writes and Graduate School

Oct. 12 | Noon-1:30 p.m. | In-person  
Communicating Your Research at the Grad Student  
Showcase: How to be an Engaging Presenter  
with Steve Foster, CSU STRATA — Research Foundation

Nov. 15 | 9 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. | In-person  
Graduate Student Showcase

## SKILLS FOR SUCCESS

Sept. 5 | Noon-1:30 p.m. | Hybrid: Online or In-person option  
How to Use LinkedIn Learning to Build  
Professional Skills  
with Dr. Andrea Duffy, Assistant Provost

Sept. 13 | Noon-1:30 p.m. | In-person  
Create Your Individual Development Plan  
for Success in Graduate School and Beyond  
with Dr. Kim Cox-York, Responsible Conduct for Research Coordina-  
tor, Office of the Vice President for Research

October 24 | Noon-1:30 p.m. | Zoom  
Strategies for Financial Success in and Beyond  
Graduate School  
with Brad Sparks, CSU Faculty and Owner of  
Sparks Financial Education

## JOB MARKET

Sept. 20 | Noon-1:30 p.m. | Zoom  
Interviewing Tips: Phone, Video, In-Person  
for Success in Graduate School and Beyond  
with Chase Weldon, Career Center and CVMBS

Sept. 27 | Noon-1:30 p.m. | Zoom  
Job Application Statements: Research, Teaching,  
and Diversity  
with Dr. Stu Tobet - Director Biomedical Engineering,  
Dr. Matt Hickey - Research Associate Dean CHHS,  
and Dr. Kristina Quynn - CSU Writes

## LEADERSHIP

Oct. 3 | Noon-1:30 p.m. | Zoom  
Explore Your Entrepreneurial Side: Introduction to  
CSU's Institute for Entrepreneurship  
with Rachel Roberts, Assistant Director of  
CSU Institute for Entrepreneurship

Oct. 10 | Noon-1:30 p.m. | In-person (max. of 20 people)  
Align Your Support Network with Your Career Goals  
with Caro Banuelos, Program Manager,  
School of Advanced Materials Discovery

Nov. 7 | Noon-1:30 p.m. | Zoom  
Lead from Where You Are:  
Leadership Models and Strategies  
with Dr. Kristina Quynn, CSU Writes and Graduate School

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## SUBSCRIBE

Add sessions to your personal calendar and  
request reminders using the options at the  
top right corner of our events calendar at:  
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# CELEBRATING RESEARCH AND CREATIVITY GRADUATE STUDENT SHOWCASE



## THE CALL FOR ABSTRACTS IS OPEN

Showcase your research, entrepreneurship or artistry with more than  
300 graduate students during an all-day interdisciplinary conference.

## SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT EARLY

The call for proposals for the in-person 2023 GradShow will close once capacity is  
reached — or by Oct. 5. **The first students to submit an abstract will have their  
choice** of presenting during the GREEN session from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. or the  
GOLD session from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., should their abstract be accepted. All  
performing arts presentations are scheduled by the GradShow committee.

## WHY PARTICIPATE?

- Compete for \$21K+ in scholarships
- Expand your network by connecting  
with students and faculty from a  
variety of disciplines
- Gain experience for career  
development and future  
national conferences
- Sharpen your communication skills  
in an engaging interdisciplinary  
environment
- Be inspired by fellow graduate  
students

## HOW CAN I PREPARE?

- Meet with your advisor early to get  
feedback on your submission
- Visit the Questions link at  
[gradshow.colostate.edu](https://gradshow.colostate.edu) and follow  
the guide for submitting a Visual/  
Performing Arts or Research/  
Entrepreneurship proposal
- Attend one of the training sessions  
that will be offered in October
- You have until November 15 to  
develop your presentation
- Proposals for previously presented  
works are accepted, and any stage  
of your research may be presented
- Submit questions to  
[GradShow@colostate.edu](mailto:GradShow@colostate.edu)

Submit proposals to: [gradshow.colostate.edu](https://gradshow.colostate.edu)

EVENT: NOVEMBER 15 | LSC | 9:00 A.M.-6:30 P.M.



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## GRAD WRITES

FALL 2023

Most workshops are virtual. All are MST (mountain standard time).  
Select workshops are in-person. See website for details.

### WEBINARS & WORKSHOPS

SEPT 6, 3-4:30	What Strong Writers Do Workshop-LSC
SEPT 7, 12-12:50	What Strong Writers Do Webinar
SEPT 11, 3-3:50	Writing for Publication Webinar
SEPT 20, 3-3:50	ETD Information Session Webinar
SEPT 26, 12-1:30	Punctuation
OCT 4, 1-1:50	Write at Speed Workshop-LSC
OCT 4, 3-3:50	Write at Speed Webinar
OCT 9, 1-2pm	Concept Plan for Articles Webinar
OCT 18, 12-1:30	Write Now Strategies Webinar
NOV 2, 12-12:50	Literature Review Webinar
NOV 8, 2-2:50	How to Revise & Edit Webinar



### RETREATS

SEPT 8-9	Held on TEAMS
SEPT 22-23	Fri, 3-4:30pm Prep Session
OCT 6-7	Sat, 8:30-4:30 Full-Day Session
NOV 3-4	

### ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAMS

**DATA:** Dissertation and Thesis Accountability  
[show up & write](#), drop-in writing  
Write for Publication (W2P) 12-week course

### MORE INFO & TO REGISTER

CSU Writes is an inclusive and diverse writing facilitation program designed for researchers and academic writers who look to boost their productivity as they develop a sustainable writing practice. CSU Writes is funded by Office of the Vice President for Research and the Graduate School.

**website:** [www.csuwrites.colostate.edu](http://www.csuwrites.colostate.edu)  
**Email:** [csuwrites@colostate.edu](mailto:csuwrites@colostate.edu)



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## Write to Publish (W2P)

**DOC & GRAD Writes**  
**12-Week Non-Credit Certificate Course**

**Register at [CSUWrites.colostate.edu](http://CSUWrites.colostate.edu)**  
for ZOOM and CANVAS access.

Turn an abstract, a conference or course paper into a publishable article this semester.

### SCHEDULE

Mondays  
3-3:50pm Webinars  
3:50-4:30 Working Session (optional)

SEPT 11	Intro Session & Scheduling
SEPT 18	Writing for Publication
SEPT 25	Abstracts
OCT 2	Literature Review
OCT 9	Reverse Outlining
OCT 16	Getting/Using Feedback
OCT 23	Revising: Organization and Flow
OCT 30	Presenting & Integrating Evidence
NOV 6	Openings and Conclusions
NOV 13	Revising: Clarity & Concision
NOV 27	Cover Letters (return to Abstracts)
DEC 4	Responding to Readers



### MORE INFO & REGISTER HERE

<https://csuwrites.colostate.edu/write-to-publish/>

CSU Writes is a writing facilitation program designed for professional researchers and academic writers who are interested in boosting their productivity as they develop a sustainable writing practice.

The W2P course is housed on Canvas and all webinar sessions are recorded and uploaded to YouTube for asynchronous access. Certificate is dependent on completion of 80% of the course.



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