



CSU WRITES
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

1:4
Graduate Students
registered for CSU
Writes events



87%

of participants

agree or strongly agree that CSU
Writes has positively impacted their
writing experience.

1:8
Faculty registered
for CSU Writes
events

*2019-2021 CSU Writes Data

SUCCESSFUL, INCLUSIVE, ENGAGED

CSU Writes helps graduate students, postdocs, faculty, and researchers write more regularly and with greater ease. We provide agile programming to reach writers **where they are** across all disciplines and across the career span. Our purpose is to facilitate healthy, sustainable practices and processes so that CSU researchers produce their best writing. We recognize productivity to be the byproduct of engaged writing **because excellent research is excellent writing.**

NOTEWORTHY

- ◆ Maintained and extended CSU Writes support to writers during the Covid-19 pandemic
- ◆ Designed and delivered our first "Writing to Publish" (W2P) non-credit course for graduate students and postdocs
- ◆ Provided weekly writing support sessions for USGS researchers (20+ writers/session)
- ◆ Developed programs for labs, departments, and designated groups: GRANT Writes, NREL Writes, FORT Writes (USGS), GROC Writes (Graduate Student and Researchers of Color)
- ◆ Re-launched the CSU Writes Newsletter (on website)
- ◆ Collaborated with CMB (Carol Wilusz) and MIP (Jeff Wilusz) to present intensive "Mentoring through Writing" workshops on collaborative writing for faculty and their graduate students
- ◆ Partnered with CVMBS to support 11 BMS writers' participation in Randy Olson's 6-week ABT workshop
- ◆ Partnered with CSU Libraries for literature review & source management offerings
- ◆ Supported select undergraduate writers, including Kori Eliaz's successful application to the prestigious Astronaut Scholars Foundation

BY THE NUMBERS

- ◆ 4380 registrations, 3495 attendances

 **711**

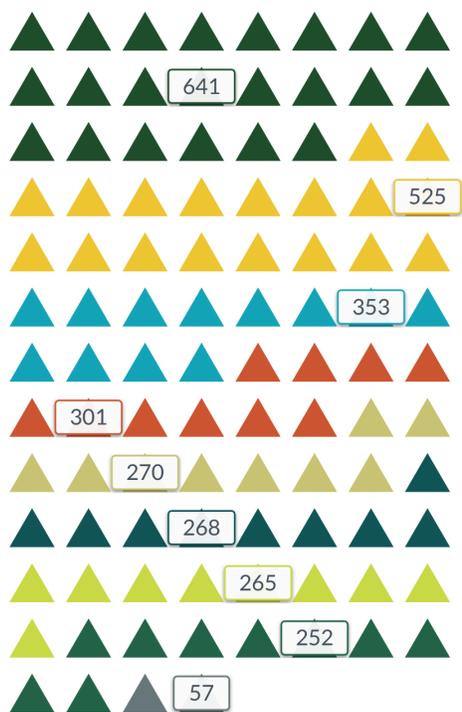
YouTube views on CSU
Writes Videos

- ◆ 99.2% of budget spent (in other words, .8% under budget)
- ◆ 42 workshops on topics from Abstracts to Writing at Speed
- ◆ 36 retreats, includes 2-day, week-long, and special groups of GRANT, NREL, and USGS
- ◆ 15 graduate student interns from a dozen programs worked on CSU Writes programs and projects
- ◆ 3 NSF-Career writers, dubbed "the Career Musketeers," (single feedback group of funded NSF-Career proposals)
- ◆ 1 Book Club: *Science Fictions* by Stuart Ritchie



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By College Workshop/Retreat Registrations



- COE (21.86%)
- CHHS (17.91%)
- CLA (12.04%)
- CAS (10.27%)
- CNR (9.21%)
- CNS (9.14%)
- Other (9.04%)
- CVMB (8.59%)
- COB (1.94%)

80 %

of participants*
successfully submitted a
manuscript or grant proposal as
a result of participating in CSU
Writes events

*2021 CSU Writes Summer Survey

GRATITUDE

At CSU Writes, we are grateful to work with amazing research writers, leaders, and colleagues at CSU—across all colleges and programs. Special gratitude to our graduate student interns and [show up & write](#). proctors who sustain our writing community behind-the-scenes, to Dean Mary Stromberger for her leadership and encouragement, to the OVRP and RAO for the funding and collaborative support, and to Lauren Mangus (CSUW 2021-22 intern) who helped compile this report. Thank you!



OPPORTUNITIES

As CSU embarks on its Courageous Strategic Transformation (CST), we at CSU Writes are developing additional avenues to support CSU researchers: Job Application program, Team Writes programming, Write Well web/workshop series, professional editing support, and career-span writing research. These support offerings and research projects will require trained facilitators and program administrative staff for which CSU Writes seeks grants and internal funds.

TEAM

CSU Writes Director, Dr. Kristina Quynn, led a dedicated team of 15 graduate student interns who hailed from diverse disciplines and identities: from Biomedical Sciences, Business and Chemistry to Political Science and Public Health. In 2021, [show up & write](#). was proctored by nearly a dozen writing volunteers. They, along with the stellar Graduate School staff, help make CSU Writes' campus-wide writing support possible.

EXPERIENCES

"CSU Writes helped me with gentle accountability and high-level summaries of recent findings on time management, collaborations, grad student writing support, and academic writing. The writing sessions forced me to focus, submit a paper to a very good journal and a NASA grant to a prestigious program with less than 15% success rate... The paper and grant got accepted!" – FACULTY Writer

"I really enjoyed this workshop [Edit for Clarity]. I found the information to be concise and well-structured, and I am excited to get back to my editing project because I have a more concrete idea of how to approach it!" - GRAD Writer

"Very helpful, honest, and "real" / down-to-earth presentations. Validation that this struggle is real and I am not alone. Support and understanding, especially considering other work and non-work demands on my time." – FACULTY Writer

"This was a great workshop on tackling procrastination and trying to find the source of it and working through it. Things that I struggle with. I learned a lot and hope to take what I learned into my writing!" - GRAD Writer

"This series is really great for scientific writers!" - GRAD Writer

write. early. often. better. together.