M.F.A. in Creative Writing Application Tips:

Select as your program choice. Creative Writing (M.F.A.). A prompt asks for an essay of study for spring. Then, please select one of either Creative Nonfiction, Fiction, or Poetry, please offer only one of these options.

Your program writing sample:

If you are applying to Poetry:
- Use 12 pt. font (Times New Roman or Arial)
- 12-20 pages of poems
- Add a footer to include your name and number the pages
- A short 500 word essay focusing on your response to one of the given topics on the application.

If you are applying to Fiction:
- Submit a novel or two short stories, or one or two chapters from a memoir in progress or narrative nonfiction project in progress up to 25 pages.
- Use 12 pt. font (Times New Roman or Arial)
- Add header to include your name and number the pages
- Start each short story or novel chapter on a new page

If you are applying to Creative Nonfiction:
- Submit literary nonfiction (personal, lyric, etc.) or two chapters from a memoir in progress or narrative nonfiction project in progress up to 25 pages.
- Use 12 pt. font (Times New Roman or Arial), double-spaced, pages numbered, name and title on the first page of each.
- Start each essay or chapter on a new page

CTA Application Instructions:
Prepare all three parts of your CTA application as one document, to appear in this order:

1. The Background Experience form—this is a fillable form to complete and save to your computer before you upload into our application.

2. Statement of Teaching Interest—opportunity to express your interest in composition pedagogy and practice, to describe your teaching-related teaching and/or experience.

3. Statement on Learning & Writing—short 500-700 word essay focusing on your response to one of the given topics on the application.

Our CGAs teach three sections of CORE College Composition each year, primarily to freshmen and sophomores.

To apply for the MFA Graduate Program, click on this link to access the Graduate School Application. For the GTA application, you will need information regarding the fellowship application process, and hopefully the answers to any questions you might have.

You must meet all of the following requirements to be considered a full-time student:

1. Hold a bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution.
2. Submit a complete application by the deadline.
3. Meet the minimum requirements for admission.

How to apply:
1. Submit an online application.
2. Pay the application fee.
3. Submit official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended.
4. Submit a personal statement.
5. Submit writing samples.
7. Submit a statement of purpose or statement of teaching interest.
8. Submit English proficiency test scores if required.
9. Submit a deposit by the deadline.

Financial Aid Opportunities

Financial Aid and Other Funding

Financial Aid Officers at the Office of Financial Aid will be able to answer your financial aid questions and can direct you to additional resources.

Other funding opportunities can be found at these links:
Liberals Arts Scholars Awards
Graduate Fellowships
Graduate Teaching Assistantship Application

If you are interested in applying for graduate teaching assistantships, please contact your program director or the Graduate Admissions Office.

If you have any questions, please contact Emily Dailey, Graduate Programs Assistant, at Emily.Dailey@colostate.edu.