

Writing Boot Camp Participation Agreement – August 19-23, 2024

Writing Boot Camp will take place from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm daily in the Technology Classroom.

Re-Boot/Write-In locations are Hargis Library and Technology Classroom (on a space available basis) Re-Boot participants are required to attend at least a half-day session each day: 8:30-noon or 12:30-4:00.

In addition to the scheduled sessions, the Technology Classroom will be open for optional writing sessions each day (7:30 – 8:30 am (except Monday) and 4 – 5:30 pm).

All Writing Boot Camp participants will be expected to abide by the requirements listed below, which were provided to the Office of Academic Affairs by a former VIMS GSA Executive Committee. The purpose of the requirements is to ensure a distraction free environment that will promote effective writing progress by all participants.

- I will arrive early enough to be seated by 8:30 am and leave no earlier than 4:00 pm each day, or I will attend the 3.5-hour sessions that I registered for on the survey as a half-day Re-Boot/Write-In participant.
- I will arrive to the boot camp prepared to write. This includes completion of any literature reviews and/or data analyses prior to the start of the boot camp.
- I will work in the designated writing room and will take breaks only as needed.
- When in the writing room I will not talk, text, email, answer phone calls, surf the internet, or distract myself or others in any way.

The following requirement has been lifted on a trial basis for the August 2024 camp: To participate in the Writing Boot Camp, each student is required to pay a **refundable** \$50.00 deposit. The deposit serves as a monetary incentive to encourage full participation in the program. Participants who adhere to the requirements listed above and complete the boot camp will be refunded their full deposit. The deposit can be paid by check (payable to “VIMS”) or cash. Bring your deposit to Academic Affairs in Watermen’s Hall. Deposits will be returned to successful participants.

I fully agree to abide by the above terms.

Student Printed Name _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

By signing below, I acknowledge that my academic advisor(s) is aware and supportive of my participation in the Writing Boot Camp. My advisor has read this document and is aware of the boot camp requirements I have agreed to, as listed above.

Option selected: Writing Boot Camp (8/19 – 8/23) _____ Re-Boot/Write-In Boot Camp (8/19 – 8/23) _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Advisor Signature _____ Date _____

Co-Advisor Signature (if applicable) _____ Date _____

Return the signed form to Linda Schaffner (linda@vims.edu) by

August 14, 2024.