

# Louisiana State University Writing Project Invitation to the 2020 Summer Institute

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Dear Louisiana Educator:

The [Louisiana State University Writing Project](#) (LSU WP) site, in conjunction with The National Writing Project (NWP), is dedicated to improving writing and the teaching of writing in the nation's schools and beyond. Through this partnership with the NWP, LSU WP extends opportunities for local teachers, principals, and other educators, to engage in intensive writing professional development through graduate course offerings. Despite rapid changes in communication, in literacy education, and in teaching, writing remains as a powerful mechanism and a powerful way to transform lives. No one knows better than NWP teachers that the commitment to writing is only the start of a long journey toward real and sustainable educational change.

The LSU WP Invitational Summer Institute Co-Directors and Advisory Board invite interested educators to apply to the LSU WP Invitational Summer Institute, a two-week intensive professional development experience offered through six (6) hours of graduate credit. **The 2020 Summer Invitational Institute includes two consecutive, co-requisite graduate courses:**

EDCI 7311.1 **Institute I, from June 8-12, 2020**, and  
EDCI 7311.2 **Institute II, from June 15-19, 2020**

If interested in becoming a NWP teacher consultant, **submit an electronic letter of application by Friday, April 10, 2020**, sharing the following:

- 1) Why you would be an excellent candidate to participate in the Invitational Summer Institute and
- 2) Name, title, e-mail (contact information) of two individuals who can serve as references.

Submit letter to including references to: [Margaret-Mary Sulentic Dowell](#) or [Sassy Wheeler](#).

Those selected and who complete the two graduate courses successfully will receive a certificate of completion as a Teacher Consultant of the Louisiana State University Writing Project.

With warm regards,



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