

Application Form: <https://forms.office.com/r/ARQXGGJjVZ>

Deadline to apply: April 17th, 2023

What is the SoTL Writing Cohort Program (Summer Intensive)?

This program is designed for instructors to write up their SoTL project. The program is a reciprocal, peer-driven offering facilitated by the CTSI-SoTL team. Over the course of ten weeks (May 9-July 20, 2023), you will participate in both in-person and remote sessions as part of a larger cohort of instructors working in groups of three, guided by an evidence-based writing structure. This application form is an invitation for instructors and librarians from our U of T SoTL community to participate in an intensive professional development opportunity.

Who is eligible for the SoTL Writing Cohort Program?

This cohort program is open to all instructors teaching at U of T. This includes faculty with continuing appointments, contract instructors (e.g., CLTAs), librarians, and sessional instructors. We invite instructors from all SoTL writing experience levels to apply as we strive to build off one another's diverse areas of expertise.

*Note: Graduate student Course Instructors (CUPE 3902 Unit 1) should visit the Teaching Assistants' Training Program (TATP) for alternative professional development opportunities.

What falls under SoTL writing?

CTSI supports research on teaching, also referred to as the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL). For our purposes, SoTL includes approaching teaching in a scholarly and/or evidence based manner; using evidence and/or reflections to inform teaching; conducting systematic research, evaluation, and/or inquiry into teaching; participating in a community of practice around teaching; and, disseminating research and sharing with local and international communities.

*Note: Grant proposal writing will not be an eligible project for this program.

Is this the appropriate professional development for me?

To attend the SoTL Summer Intensive Writing Cohort Program, you must be at a point in your project where you are **ready to write**, i.e., your data collection and research should be complete. If you are applying to the Summer Intensive, it is because you are ready to commit to a ten-week program focused on your writing; giving and receiving peer feedback; and most importantly, building a community of SoTL writers.

When is the SoTL Writing Cohort Program?

- May 9th to July 20th 2023
- Launch in-person session May 9th 2023: 1-3pm (CTSI Blackburn Room) -- Mandatory Session
- June 2023 (TBD): Remote/hybrid
- Closing/celebration in-person session: July 20th 2023: 10am-12pm (CTSI Blackburn Room)

What are the SoTL Writing Cohort Program goals?

- To offer a supportive space for participants to try new writing strategies and approaches and to build confidence in their SoTL writing

- To guide participants in setting and meeting goals, drawing on SoTL writing expertise within a cohort-based model
- To enhance a community of scholars conducting research on teaching at U of T.

What are my commitments to the program?

- The SoTL Writing Program requires a commitment to:
 - meet bi-weekly with your writing group (one hour)
 - provide feedback on your group members' writing: one hour of peer editing per bi-weekly cycle
 - attend three CTSI-facilitated workshops/webinars

How will I be matched with a writing group?

Applicants will be carefully reviewed according to several criteria (including campus, stated writing goals, discipline, etc.).

What writing supports will I receive?

- CTSI facilitators and U of T resource staff will share tips, strategies, and resources at several points in the program to build your confidence in providing – and receiving – feedback on SoTL writing
- Worksheet activities will be integrated within workshop and webinars (e.g., writing goal setting)
- Guidance and feedback will be provided by writing cohort peers.

CTSI Facilitators:

Cora McCloy, PhD, Faculty Liaison Coordinator, SoTL, CTSI

Cristina D'Amico, PhD, Faculty Liaison Coordinator, Graduate Student Development & TA Training, TATP

Kyle Turner, MSc, Faculty Liaison, Teaching and Learning, CTSI

Participant Testimonials from the SoTL Writing Cohort Pilot 2021-22

Thanks for the amazing work done to provide us with a conducive space to discover our potential to be productive in publishing

Thank you so much for your kind facilitation, organization, and support! I really appreciate the opportunity to participate