Overview of Application Requirements

A complete application will include the items listed below. All of these items except the official transcripts can be submitted online. Instructions are given both in the online application form and below.

(1) online application form

(2) statement of objectives (500-750 words)

(3) three letters of recommendation (see details and instructions below)

(4) writing sample consisting of 10-12 poems (single-spaced is acceptable), or 15-20 double-spaced pages of prose, which may be excerpted from a longer work

(5) unofficial transcripts of all previous academic work (NOT web printouts. These should be unofficial copies of transcripts that were issued by the institution attended.) Official transcripts will be required upon admission and must be sent by regular mail.

(6) GRE scores (optional, not required)

(7) current resume highlighting any publications, awards, fellowships, or relevant writing/teaching experience

Important Application Information

- **Deadline: January 7, 2015**
- The School of Writing, Literature, and Film only accepts students to begin in Fall term. Do not select any other term on the online application form.
- Applicants must enter either “Poetry,” “Fiction,” or “Nonfiction” as the area of concentration in the “Other Graduate Questions” section of the online application. Your selection determines how your application will be routed to the appropriate reviewers.
- We nominate outstanding candidates for the Diversity Bonus and the Provost’s Fellowship. Early application ensures full consideration for these opportunities.
- Please note: The request for recommendation letters will not be emailed to your selected reference writers until you have submitted your application and paid the application fee. At that time, you will also receive an email that explains how to access the Letter of Reference System to check the status of your recommendation letters, send reminders to your recommenders, or make changes to the name/email addresses of your references. You will also be notified via email when a reference is received.
- Keep in mind, there is generally a 1-2 business day turnaround time for documents to upload to your application once you have submitted them online.
- You are highly encouraged to log into the application system frequently to check the status of your application after you have applied. It is your ultimate responsibility to ensure your application is complete before the deadline.
Instructions for Preparing and Submitting Materials

(1) Complete the online application at https://oregonstate.force.com/GradAppLogin. You must begin by clicking on “Create New Account.” This will initiate the process and allow you to return to your application as needed. Reminder: Enter your genre of concentration in the last field of the "Other Graduate Questions" section.

(2) Cut and paste your statement of objectives into the field provided in the "Other Graduate Questions" section of the online application. Please also upload a digital copy of the Statement of Objectives (.tiff or .pdf format) when you are prompted at the conclusion of the online application.

(3) The three letters of recommendation may be either submitted via the online letter of reference system or sent by regular mail to: School of Writing, Literature, and Film/Graduate Admissions/238 Moreland Hall/Coriellis, OR/97331-5302. Letters sent by regular mail may be sent by you, in envelopes signed and sealed along the back flap, or directly to us by the recommenders.

Most recommenders prefer the online system, as OSU will send an email to each recommender with instructions for uploading a digital copy of the recommendation.

Please ask your recommenders to compose letters on official letterhead, whether digital or paper. Each letter should attest to your academic abilities and to your promise and potential for college-level teaching. Recommendations from non-academic employers may be submitted, but they generally carry less weight.

(4) The writing sample should reflect your best creative work. Please stay inside the page/poem maximums described in the “Overview” above. The writing sample and statement of objectives must be uploaded as separate files (.tiff or .pdf format). Please only include a sample from the genre you specify in the last field of the "Other Graduate Questions" section of the online application.

(5) Upload your resume as a separate file, as in step 4 above.

(6) Upload your unofficial transcripts of all previous academic work as separate files, as in step 4 above. The official transcripts will be required upon admission, and can be sent directly to: Graduate School/Oregon State University/300 Kerr Administration Building/Corvallis, OR/97331-2106.

(7) The optional GRE scores should be entered in the online application system. Please also arrange for Educational Testing Services, the administrator of the GRE, to send your official electronic results to OSU, institution code 004586.