



## A Volunteer Internship Opportunity with the University Writing Program

The interdisciplinary Writing Ambassadors (WA) internship is hosted by the University Writing Program at UC Davis. It provides K-12 teachers with upper division UCD undergraduate student interns from a range of majors, many of whom plan on becoming K-12 teachers. While interning, the Ambassadors meet weekly as part of a UCD course for coaching and support. There, they explore strategies for tutoring and teaching and develop content area literacies across the curriculum. Interns are asked to set up their own internships based on their subject/grade interest.

### **What Do Writing Ambassadors Do?**

Ambassadors can work in any subject area in any grade, from pre-reading in kindergarten to high school chemistry. Writing Ambassadors promote literacy while supporting teachers, students, and school communities. Many Ambassadors also bring experience with a language other than English to the classroom. We have had interns in Spanish, Chinese, Japanese, French, and English Language Development classes. Our interns can help in many ways, but their primary goal is to gain experience mostly in supporting your students with literacy tasks.

### **How do I get an Ambassador Intern?**

Please refer to our website, [writingambassadors.ucdavis.edu](http://writingambassadors.ucdavis.edu) and click on the [Host Teacher Intern Request Form](#) to request an Ambassador to work with you in your classroom. Your information will be put into our database of host teachers and an intern will contact you to set up a schedule of classroom visits.

### **What happens once I have an intern?**

An Ambassador commits for at least a university quarter, and many of our interns continue in the program for longer. Interns spend at least 3 hours weekly in the K-12 classroom, and many volunteer 5 or even 10 hours per week (depending on the number of UCD units they seek).

Please coordinate a time with your intern when you'll be engaging in literacy instruction in your classroom. Interns should have a variety of experiences, so please allow your Ambassador to work with students individually, in small groups, and to possibly teach a lesson to the whole class.

Your Ambassador will have you sign off on hours completed and you will need to complete an evaluation of the intern at the end of the quarter. You'll receive an email in the middle of the quarter give you an opportunity to ask any questions or express any concerns.

For more information, please contact program coordinator Kelly Crosby directly at [kacrosby@ucdavis.edu](mailto:kacrosby@ucdavis.edu).