Call for participation: EWCA Summer Institute 2025, June 05-11

Writing Centers at the center of change (*)

The course of societies around the world is changing rapidly in different ways. Higher education is trying to catch up with it through innovative concepts and methods. Writing centers are in the midst of all this often being called upon to come up with quick solutions, e.g. framing AI policies and concepts for the institution.

Feel very welcome to the 2025 EWCA Summer Institute at the Freiburg Writing Center (University of Education Freiburg/Germany) to learn from writing center experts from around the Globe.
Together we can!

Let's collaborate on questions such as:

How to get a writing center started and how to further develop it?
Possible Topics include:
Assessment
Training of peer tutors
Working with faculty and administration
Exchange programs (e.g. Erasmus)
Working with multilingual students
Research/publication
Sustainability of writing centre work How to make use of AI and other digital tools within institutionally set rules for academic learning?

The goal of the 2025 EWCA Summer Institute in Freiburg is three-fold:
1. Ground the conversation about writing center work by learning its history, theoretical underpinnings, and practical aspects of overseeing a writing center.
2. Learn from international writing center practitioners through one-on-one mentoring.
3. Collaborate with your peers to develop strategies for your writing center leadership.
4. Establish and nurture a community of colleagues engaged in similar work

Please send a 250 word application statement before February 28th, 2025 to ewcasummerinstitute@gmail.com including your personal motivation for participation and the expectations of your home institution. Feel free to suggest additional topics for our small-group work.

Tuition will not exceed €500 but can only be determined once the number of participants is known. Travel grants may be available. Please present your budget in your application. Final information about costs and housing will be included in the acceptance mail in late March.

(*) Essid/McTague (eds., 2020). *Writing Centers at the Center of Change.* Routledge.