January 2021 Disquisition Boot Camp Application:

Writing a disquisition (dissertation, thesis, or master’s paper) is a major hurdle to completing a graduate degree; it requires research, project planning, and time. This **online**boot camp provides NDSU graduate students the opportunity to work intensively on disquisition writing from January 6th to 8th. During this time, the Center for Writers will sponsor 7 hours a day in an online space conducive to writing, writing consultant support, mini-workshops, and work with peers.

It is essential that students be committed to three days of writing and to attend every day. In order to participate, **you must do the following by December 7th, 2020:**

* Have the proposal for your disquisition accepted by your committee
* Complete the information below and email it to Kristina Caton at: kristina.caton@ndsu.edu
* Have your advisor approve your participation by sending an approval email to:

kristina.caton@ndsu.edu

***Please note: Spaces in this ONLINE Disquisition Boot Camp are limited***.

*If you are selected to join the Boot Camp, you will need to pay a $50 refundable deposit via credit card or ACH payment in Marketplace by Dec. 31, 2020.* Your $50 refundable deposit will be returned at the conclusion of boot camp if you attend all three days. You can find further details at our website’s Disquisition Boot Camp page: <https://www.ndsu.edu/cfwriters/disquisition_boot_camp/>)

STUDENT INFORMATION:

1. Name:

1. Department:

1. Advisor’s name:
2. In what semester did you start your current graduate program (e.g., fall 2017)?
3. How many semesters do you expect to need before you graduate?

1. When do you plan to defend your disquisition?
2. What is your native language?

DISQUISITION & WRITING INFORMATION:

1. Disquisition type: (for example, Master’s paper, Master’s thesis, dissertation. Are any of your chapters written as journal articles? If your disquisition is non-traditional, please explain what it comprises.)
2. What sections, if any, of your disquisition have you completed?
3. What section(s) do you plan on working on during Boot Camp?
4. What other work do you need to do in order to write this document (e.g., obtain results of experiments, read articles)?
5. What are your biggest concerns/hurdles in writing this document?
6. Which part of the writing process is most difficult for you? Please highlight up to 4 top concerns.
7. Deciding what information to include
8. Connecting paragraphs to the central point
9. Writing sentences that flow
10. Making your writing interesting to read
11. Finding the right words
12. Paraphrasing
13. Collecting necessary material
14. Knowing what you want to say
15. Writing an introduction
16. Getting started
17. Organizing the paper
18. Understanding the needs of your audience

m) Other (please describe):

1. In approximately 150 words, describe your research and its context/significance.
2. Is there anything else you would like us to know about your disquisition or writing?

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

1. How reliable is your internet connectivity?
2. Are you comfortable using Zoom and Blackboard Collaborate?
3. Do you plan to attend the Boot Camp using (highlight response).
4. A Single laptop
5. A Laptop plus one or two additional screens (such as monitors)
6. Laptop plus iPad (or other tablet)
7. Other (please specify)