9. The Writing Studio

The Writing Studio at Vanderbilt supports graduate students in different ways:

- **One-on-one writing consultations**

  The primary way that the Writing Studio can support graduate students looking to improve their writing is through one-on-one consultations, which are scheduled through the Writing Studio's website (https://www.vanderbilt.edu/writing/). Most graduate students who seek out an appointment are proactive about choosing to work with one of the Studio’s graduate consultants, our Post-doctoral Associates, or one of the three Academic Support Coordinators (who have Ph.D.s in a variety of fields). John Bradley, the Assistant Director of the Writing Studio, is always happy to help facilitate an effective referral. Whether they are looking for a source of external accountability for their writing, a regular opportunity to discuss and reflect on their ongoing projects, or sustained individual support for writing challenges, many of the graduate students who seek out the Writing Studio come back to meet with the same consultant on a regular and ongoing basis throughout the semester.

- **Additional support for graduate students**

  For students in the dissertation phase, the Writing Studio offers extended two-hour appointments. The process for setting up an extended appointment is found here: https://www.vanderbilt.edu/writing/about/faq-and-policies/

  For graduate writers who primarily want structured time to write, the Writing Studio also offers a series of Dissertation Writers Retreats throughout the year and, starting last semester, two weekly Grad/Postdoc Writing Groups. The Studio hosts a weeklong Dissertation Writers Retreats in the summer (often in May) and then two-day mini-retreats over Fall break and Spring break.
Building on the popularity of those retreats, the Studio’s new Grad/Postdoc Writing Group meetings are an opportunity for graduate students and postdocs to come and write alongside others in a quiet, supportive atmosphere. They meet at the Writing Studio on Thursdays 2:00-5:00 and Fridays 9:00-12:00. Participants sign up to join the groups through the Studio’s website with the same online scheduling system used to make appointments (to get started, simply click “Schedule an Appointment” from the homepage menu).