

Faculty Research & Development Grant Application

Project title:

Summer 2026 Faculty Writing Retreat for Dissertation Chapter Completion

Request:

I am requesting Faculty Research and Development funding to support participation in a structured Summer 2026 writing retreat focused on advancing my ongoing scholarly research agenda. Specifically, I seek funding to support protected writing time and retreat-related expenses that will allow me to complete substantial writing milestones. The final deliverable will include a completed scholarly manuscript draft prepared for peer-reviewed submission and significant progress toward long-term research productivity goals.

1. A concise description of the project

- I am a pre-tenure Assistant Professor in Communication with an active research agenda focused on identity, representation, and cultural communication. Due to significant teaching and service responsibilities during the academic year, sustained and uninterrupted writing time is limited. This project will allow me to dedicate focused time during Summer 2026 to writing, revising, and preparing a scholarly manuscript for submission. The retreat will provide structured accountability and an environment conducive to high-level scholarly productivity.

2. Measurable goals and objectives for the project

- The primary goals of this project are to:
 - i. Complete a full draft of at least one scholarly manuscript
 - ii. Revise existing written material for submission to a peer-reviewed journal
 - iii. Develop a structured writing plan for continued research productivity

Success will be demonstrated through completion of a manuscript draft ready for external submission.

3. The timeframe for the project

- The project will take place during Summer 2026. Preparation and outlining will occur prior to the retreat period. During the retreat, I will engage in daily structured writing sessions focused on manuscript completion. Following the retreat, I will revise and finalize the manuscript for submission.

4. How the project will enhance teaching and research at Lincoln University

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structured writing sessions focused on manuscript completion. Following the retreat, I will revise and finalize the manuscript for submission.

5. How the outcome of the project will be measured

- The outcome will be measured by:
 - i. Completion of a full manuscript draft
 - ii. Submission of the manuscript to a peer-reviewed journal
 - iii. Documented progress toward sustained research productivity

These deliverables will demonstrate successful completion of the project goals.

6. How, when, where, and with whom the project's outcome will be shared

- The completed manuscript will be submitted to a peer-reviewed academic journal. Additionally, findings may be presented at regional or national conferences in Communication. I will also share insights from this project with colleagues and incorporate relevant scholarship into classroom instruction at Lincoln University.