

# Summer

# Institute 2011

## On Writing & Learning in Our Schools

Fifteen Days, July 6–July 28, 2011

July 6–8, 11–14, 18–21, 25–28

Pre-Institute Orientation, May 6–7

UND, Grand Forks, North Dakota

### **What is the Red River Valley Writing Project Summer Institute?**

As a site of the National Writing Project, RRVWP's Summer Institute offers a place to read, discuss, and share ideas about teaching writing—plus time to write. Readings include common and grade-specific materials to meet the needs of all participants. Institute fellows also share best teaching practices and explore the teaching of writing by writing.

RRVWP Summer Institute participants receive a stipend to cover the cost of parking and incidental expenses. RRVWP pays tuition, course and application fees, and provides all books and materials for participants who successfully complete the institute. Some housing and travel assistance may also be available.

Institute fellows are eligible for four (4) graduate credits in English or Education through the University of North Dakota (UND). UND requires all participants to register for the institute (graduate credit or audit) through UND. Once participants are selected, the RRVWP assists in the application and registration process.

### **Who Can Participate?**

Any teacher of any subject, at any grade level, is welcome. If you are interested in the effective teaching of writing, you should apply.

We especially encourage elementary, middle school, and content area teachers to apply. Contact Kim Donehower, [kim.donehower@und.edu](mailto:kim.donehower@und.edu)

Phone: 701-777-4162

**4 Grad Credits.  
RRVWP Pays Tuition.  
Interested?  
Turn Over for  
Application Details  
Application Opens: Nov. 1, 2010  
Early Decision: Jan. 14, 2011  
Regular Deadline: April 15, 2011  
[www.rrvwp.und.edu](http://www.rrvwp.und.edu)**

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## Application Instructions

### **Apply to the Red River Valley Writing Project Summer Institute**

To apply, send the application materials listed below to the Red River Valley Writing Project. Applications may be mailed in a single envelope or faxed.

1. A brief resume with current e-mail, phone, and mailing address
2. A letter of application in which you address the following questions:  
How does writing fit into your classroom?  
What aspect of your classroom literacy practice do you want to improve or to explore more deeply through the summer institute?
3. Two supporting letters:  
one from a teacher colleague  
one from a principal or supervisor

Applications will be accepted from November 1, 2010 through April 15, 2011. The early decision deadline is January 14, 2011. Early decision applicants who are accepted for the institute may attend winter/spring 2011 RRVWP events with visiting authors. April 15, 2011 is the regular application deadline. Applicants will be contacted for an interview with the RRVWP. Applications received after the deadline may be considered as space is available.

#### **Mail or Fax Applications to**

Dr. Kim Donehower, RRVWP  
Merrifield Hall Room 110  
276 Centennial Drive Stop 7209  
Grand Forks, ND 58202-7209

Fax: 701-777-2373

#### **Questions or Concerns?**

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