AWP’s Thirteenth Tweet Chat: #MFAChat
March 1 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET

Looking at those MFA program acceptance letters and not sure which to choose? Check out #MFAChat today at 2pm ET!

Looking forward to @awpwriter's #MFAChat at 2:00pm E.T. today!

We are joining @awpwriter for a live #MFAChat about creative writing programs today at 2pm ET! Tune in and share your questions/thoughts!
@DianeZinna StonecoastMFA is happy to join #MFAChat from 2-3pm E.T. today. Questions about low-res? Fire away.

It’s #SuperTuesday but we’re still talking creative writing with #MFAChat at 2pm EST. Find out about MFA programs and @AWPWriter!

Looking forward to #MFAChat with @awpwriter today at 2p EST! Got questions about low-res or international MFA experiences? We’ve got answers

Honored to be rep’ing @HofstraU MFA program in today’s #MFAChat from 2-3. Lookng for a program near NYC, teach and Pub opportunity? Ask away

Join @neomfa and @awpwriter for a live #MFAChat about creative writing programs on Tuesday, 3/1 at 2pm ET!
Virginia Tech CW MFA @VTcwMFA

Glad to be joining #MFAChat today at 2pm EST for @awpwriter to answer all your burning MFA questions! Tweets by Erika Meitner, MFA Director.

MFA in Writing @WCSU @WCSUWritingMFA

Questions about low-res MFA programs? Check out #MFAChat from 2-3:00 and find out why the @WCSUWritingMFA is unique.

UTampa Low Res MFA @UTampaMFA

Crazy excited to be live and direct in today's #MFAChat in just a few minutes! @awpwriter

MFA at WNEUniversity @MFA_WNE

Learn about @WNEUniversity low res fiction MFA during the #MFAChat with @awpwriter! Alternating residencies in #Dublin and The Berkshires.

NDCreativeWritingMFA @NDCreativeWrite

#MFAChat with @awpwriter and prospectives....bring it!

UCRLowResMFA @UCRPDLRMFA

We're joining @awpwriter for the live #MFAChat in 45 seconds. We're limbering up.
Welcome to #MFAChat! Today we'll be discussing how to choose a writing program that's right for you.

**Loretta Ellsworth @LEllsworth**

As an older student, Low-residency was right for me, and allowed me to focus on what I needed. #MFAChat

With us today is @DianeZinna, Director of Membership at AWP #MFAChat

To share info about your program, use #MFAChat.
To ask a question at any time, just include #MFAChat in your tweet.

Welcome! I'm Diane Zinna, AWP's Membership Director, and I'll be your host for the next hour as we discuss MFA programs. #MFAChat

We're here for the #MFAChat! Bring your questions!

Celebrating our tenth anniversary and over 40 books in publication by our students and graduates. http://wcsu.edu/writing/mfa #MFAChat

Scrolling through the #MFAChat stream and listening to @HamiltonMusical. Perfect.

"My Shot" is up first, of course #MFAChat
Answering your #MFAChat questions today is program director @todgoldberg. He can also help you bury a body: http://www.latimes.com/books/jacketcopy/la-ca-jc-tod-goldberg-20140914-story.html ...

MA students at Miami U in Ohio teach creative writing every year and receive exceptional mentoring and support #mfachat @awpwriter

Like many of the staff here at AWP (standing by to answer your questions!), I attended an MFA Program. #MFAChat

We also invited directors of many different creative writing programs to join us today to share their perspectives. #MFAChat

My best advice for choosing a program? Review the program requirements and courses! Ours is 48 hours. http://www.muw.edu/mfacreativewriting ... #MFAChat
My next best advice for choosing a program: get to know the faculty. Read their books and don’t be shy — talk to them! #MFAChat

After finishing my MA this semester I’m considering an MFA program. Any additional advice would be welcome #MFAChat

I believe we have (at least!) 20 directors of creative writing programs on with us right now. #MFAChat

This is kind of an amazing opportunity for people considering MFA programs. I would love to see people chime in.

@SandraBeasley How does an #MFA build a writing community? How to balance community with required solitude? #MFAChat
Now I’m teaching @MileHighMFA & it was so beautiful to see similar bonding. It’s intense -- you need each other.

and we formed writing groups that lasted years after the MFA. That support was crucial to us finishing books.

At Antioch, we had many opportunities to be social w/our cohorts and larger group. I’m still friends w/many++

Yes! Join the conversation. #MFAChat

Application/decision season is finishing up--this is your chance to ask questions about what happens behind the scenes. #MFAChat
Virginia Tech CW MFA @VTcwMFA
Virginia Tech’s MFA offers $16,000+/year of funding for all three years of our program for ALL students accepted. #mfaChat

The W’s MFA in CW @TheW_MFACW

@awpwriter @dianezinna Glad to join in from Mississippi University for Women’s new low-res MFA (yes, men are welcome...)

1/8 Joining us today are Fairleigh Dickinson @FDU_WritingMFA, VA Tech @VTcwMFA, U of Minnesota @MinnesotaMFA #MFAChat

2/8 Several great low res programs: U of Ca Riverside @ucrpdlrmfa, Western CT State @WCSUWritingMFA, University of Tampa @uTampaMFA #MFAChat

3/8 NYU is on with us today. They have a full-Res Program in New York & a low-res program in Paris #MFAChat

4/8 Queens University of Charlotte @QueensMFA, Rosemont College @cjspataro, Hofstra University @skipwritesstuff #MFAChat
5/8 Notre Dame (@NDCreativeWrite), Western State Colorado University, and IAIA: The Institute of American Indian Arts (@LowRezMFA) #MFAChat

6/8 Also University of New Hampshire @smhertz, Stonecoast @stonecoasttweet, the Mississippi University for Women @TheW_MFACW #MFAChat

7/8 We will hear from the MFA at OSU-Cascades low-res program and University of Louisville's *MA program* (@kikipetrosino) #MFAChat

8/8...and Whew! That is a lot. But there are hundreds. How to start?

@DianeZinna K-State's a little late but on the chat too. #MFAChat

All of our MFAs receive full funding for all 3 years, and teach one class (CW, lit, or comp) per semester. #MFAChat
@MinnesotaMFA The stipend went up for next year, right? #MFAChat

Hali Felt @hfelt

Ready and waiting for questions on behalf of @BamaEnglish! #MFAChat

#MFAChat I really love @QueensMFA -- Smart structure, great community and amazing teachers. I live in NYC but go to NC for lowresMFA.

Queens Univ MFA @QueensMFA

We love you too, Vickie! #MFAChat

To answer your first question, yes, getting an MFA can help you rule the world, or at least it did for our alum @RepMarkTakano #mfachat

Low-res MFA, residential MA both available at Miami U Ohio #MFAChat @awpwriter
Erica Dawson, program director, is ready and waiting in sunny Tampa. #MFAChat #76degrees

Join us and @awpwriter for #MFAChat to discuss choosing the right MFA program for you!

I think a prospective student should consider what they want to get out of their #MFA experience, not just writing/workshopping #MFAChat

@HofstraU offers students the NYC experience without the costs and urban challenges while still being a part of the #NYC community #MFAChat

Don't go into debt. Keep your job. Write for free. Apply to funded programs. Keep trying until you get in. Don't settle for debt. #MFAChat

@BlakeKimzey we agree that students shouldn't go into debt for an MFA, which is why we fully fund all students equally @VTcwMFA ! #MFAChat
@BlakeKimzey spitting truth on #MFChat. Going slow is fine. Don't stop. And don't go into debt.

NDCreativeWritingMFA @NDCreativeWrite

Fully funded, 2 year program, a course of study with the flexibility for students to initiate a variety of literary lives #MFChat

@jasonmgray

I'm also around--assoc. ed. for AWP. Went to and left one MFA, went to another and stayed. Also went to an MA prog. #MFChat

New School Writing @NewSchoolWrites

MFA students & alumni @TheNewSchool get published. We celebrated 27 alumni publications in 2015 alone: http://newschoolwriting.org/bookshelf/ #MFChat

Diane Zinna @DianeZinna

You might want to start here. The basics! Our Guide to Writing Programs lists 975 creative writing programs http://bit.ly/1FTizy7 #MFChat

Diane Zinna @DianeZinna

You can sort the Guide by different regions or by a specific state #MFChat
Only interested in low-res or no-residency programs? You can sort our guide by residential, low-residency, and online programs #MFAChat

We have over 50 low-residency and online-only programs listed #MFAChat

You can also narrow your search by genre and type of degree. We don’t just list MFA programs, but all CW degrees. #MFAChat

When looking at the list of programs, you can easily see what degrees are offered and what genres are covered at each program #MFAChat

Clicking on the school’s name will bring you to their full listing, where you can learn more about the program #MFAChat

You can view info on class size, tuition, faculty and their publications, on-campus presses and lit mags, visiting writers, & more #MFAChat

Diane Zinna @DianeZinna

You can also see a list of faculty that teaches at the school as well as where the program is located. #MFAChat

Diane Zinna @DianeZinna

What the AWP Guide gives, beyond a list of faculty and degree requirements, is a deeper sense of the programs out there for you. #MFAChat

Don’t just believe us when we tell you we’re affordable. See why we ranked #1 http://www.muw.edu/news/3229-the-w-s-newest-program-ranked-no-1 ... #MFAChat
The W's MFA in CW @TheW_MFACW

@thew_mfacw btw, there are some other great programs on this list #mfachat
http://www.nonprofitcollegesonline.com/rankings/best-online-masters-in-english-creative-writing/ ...

Spalding MFA @spalding_mfa

Our low-res MFA offers a supportive environment and flexibility for today's busy writer. Learn more at http://spalding.edu/mfa  #MFAChat

The MFA Years @themfayears

"The Room Where It Happens" is especially pertinent right now in terms of the MFA application process #MFAChat @HamiltonMusical

Virginia Tech CW MFA @VTcwMFA

@themfayears happy to answer questions about best practices for offers, the CGS Resolution, nitty gritty wait-list questions, etc. #MFAChat

Brianna Kratz @BriannaKratz

If you've been out of school for a couple years, does that have a bearing on admission/funding decisions? #MFAChat
A low-res program with fully-funded assistantships for students who are able to teach or intern on campus. [http://www.wcsu.edu/writing/mfa](http://www.wcsu.edu/writing/mfa) #MFAChat

@BriannaKratz #MFAChat it makes you an attractive candidate.

@BriannaKratz If your writing is exciting and promising, that's what matters. Our contributors come from varying backgrounds #MFAChat

@BriannaKratz @awpwriter It didn't 4 me. I entered the program in my 30s, single mom of 2. Life experience is important as much as school.

@BriannaKratz @awpwriter My sense having served on a number of admissions committees: nope. it's all about the writing sample!
@BriannaKratz This can actually help a lot! Many of us want to see writers who have lived, worked, done things outside of school. #MFChat

@BriannaKratz Hopefully shouldn’t. When I attended @HofstraU I was a public school teacher in #NYC and out of school 7 years. #MFChat

@BriannaKratz We have students of every age--makes for a diverse classroom and terrific discussions. @Rosemont_MFA #MFChat

Absolutely agree, @cjspataro - diversity is key. And lots of age diversity in low res programs especially #MFChat
https://twitter.com/cjspataro/status/704746811957841920 ...

@BriannaKratz None at all! Our program is flexible, low-res, affordable, and there are people of all ages/stages of life. #MFChat
@BriannaKratz Not for @BamaEnglish—we're looking for good writing and community-mindedness. #MFAChat

Virginia Tech CW MFA @VTcwMFA

@BriannaKratz not at @VTcwMFA! We appreciate students with life experience, and all accepted students are fully funded!

@VTcwMFA Hi, how important is diversity in a batch? What characteristics would constitute diversity? Age, work-ex, academic base?

@BriannaKratz I can't speak for all programs, but the quality of your application manuscript is our top consideration.

I went to @IowaWritersWksp and have taught at @umichWriters and @MinnesotaMFA (which is where I am now). #MFAChat
All three superlatively wonderful places. #MFAChat

So... I was an MFA student of color (MSOC?) awhile bk. It was wonderful and meaningful to me to have generous teachers of color. #MFAChat

Got something valuable from everyone who taught me. My first MFA workshop teacher: ZZ Packer. That was pretty damn awesome. #MFAChat

Took classes w brilliant writers: Conroy, @Chris_Offutt, Canin, Robinson, @elizmccracken, @jameshynes, McPherson, @EdwardCarey70 — #MFAChat

@jameshynes I still quote you all the time.

At @IowaWritersWksp, I taught & that funded my tuition. Glad I got experience. Bk then teaching for a living hadn’t occurred to me. #MFAChat
V.V. Ganeshananthan @V_V_G

Wdn’t rec pursuing MFA w the idea that it will get you a teaching job. But thinking abt whether you might *like* teaching cd help. #MFAChat

V.V. Ganeshananthan @V_V_G

As @MinnesotAMFA mentioned before, students here do teach. This term I am coordinating/teaching a pedagogy class here. #MFAChat

V.V. Ganeshananthan @V_V_G

Another major determinant of MFA program culture that I think is often overlooked: size. How big a writing community do you want? #MFAChat

Fairfield U. MFA @FairfieldUMFA

@V_V_G @MinnesotAMFA and some low-res programs also offer teaching options (like ours)

V.V. Ganeshananthan @V_V_G

@FairfieldUMFA @MinnesotAMFA Yup. There are lots of options to suit different needs, which is great.
Queens Univ MFA @QueensMFA

#MFAChat another thing to consider is the tutorial vs workshop model. Some programs, like ours, offer both.

Virginia Tech CW MFA @VTcwMFA

Hi @SandraBeasley (former Visiting Writer @VTcwMFA)! We're part of #MFAChat today and will field any and all questions about the MFA!

UCRLowResMFA @UCRPDLRMFA

We have one wonk-laden pitch. Just this: Since 2010 75% of our alums have gone on to publish or produce. #MFAChat

NDCreativeWritingMFA @NDCreativeWrite

#MFAChat Start here: http://english.nd.edu/creative-writing/mfa-curriculum/ ...

Diane Zinna @DianeZinna

It’s important to ask yourself what you want from an MFA. #MFAChat.

Daniel A. Hoyt @dan_hoyt

Yup, @DianeZinna, and 1st & foremost you should want time to read and write in an intense and rich way. That’s the only guarantee. #MFAChat
@DianeZinna @awpwriter for me it was how to get where I wanted to be more efficiently than going it alone. Can't put a value on that.

@laurajschneider @awpwriter Where do you want to be? #MFAChat

"The most beautiful campus ever there was" — Robert Frost on Miami U's campus in southwest Ohio river valley #MFAChat @awpwriter

1/2: I often hear people say they want to attend an MFA program to have that “built-in” community for the rest of their lives... #MFAChat

2/2: Finding a lifelong writing community is difficult. Attending an MFA program won't guarantee that. #MFAChat
The MFA Years @themfayears

You can find a list of fully funded programs on our website. Let us know if your program is missing! #MFACHAT http://themfayears.com/fully-funded-programs/ ...

U of Minnesota MFA @MinnesotaMFA

I'm @HollyVanderhaar, Grad Program Coordinator, & also an alum of our program. I can give perspective from both sides of the desk. #MFACHAT

MelissaScholesYoung @mscholesyoung

Wait until you're a bit seasoned. An older #MFA student brings a lot and learns a lot. #MFACHAT

Michael Scott Heiss @SkipWritesStuff

@mscholesyoung #MFACHAT but as an older #MFA student, it was refreshing to be around younger students who brought the undergrad zeal

MelissaScholesYoung @mscholesyoung

@SkipWritesStuff Couldn't agree more. It woke me up!

MelissaScholesYoung @mscholesyoung

@SkipWritesStuff When my undergrads want an #MFA and they know WHY, I know they're ready. Otherwise, I say wait. #MFACHAT @awpwriter
@mscholesyoung I've thought about getting my MFA but haven't committed for a variety of reasons. Maybe it's time to rethink and commit.

@mscholesyoung It's a big step. It showed me where I was in the pack, though, and gave me the affirmation I needed. But it was a risk.

@mscholesyoung my concerns are cost and time and what do I gain from an MFA. I travel a lot for work so it'd have to be low-res. #MFAChat

@WordPerv Valid concerns. I looked at low-res because moving & fam, but chose full funding instead. I took the plunge. It changed my course.

@WordPerv Also, with the juggle, residency stops time. You escape, fuel up, recalibrate so you can write in your head during day job :)}
Why not consider studying your MFA in the UK @UniOfSurrey Check out our program http://bit.ly/1QkPr4y. #MFAChat

Let's just make this 3/3: It's possible to come out just as lonely or with more questions than when you went in. #MFAChat

Robust teaching assistantships for MAs in Creative Writing at Miami U in Ohio #MFAChat @awpwriter

LIVE on #Periscope: Chatting on Twitter with @awpwriter #MFAChat about choosing a program

#MFAChat Our faculty: @JoKnowles @angelaflourney @robinwasserman @WileyCash @SundeenMark @KatherineTowler @dlesbecquets @richadamscarey +
If you're thinking abt getting an #MFA, looks like there's an #MFAChat going on right now.

And take a look under the Dome. http://english.nd.edu/creative-writing/faq/ ...

What matters to you? For ex, small isn’t always better. I was 1 of 5 in my year, but the only female & with all male teachers. #MFAChat

I worry about this w/ small classes, @DianeZinna --intimate, but what if you don't happen to have good readers for your aesthetic? #MFAChat

@SandraBeasley Yes, one hard critique can be hard to take in that size a room. Especially if you hear that same person for 3 years! #MFAChat
One thing to investigate is how often and by how many will your work be read.

For programs that encourage cross-genre work, it can lead to broader community even in smaller programs!

Absolutely - Dramatists are masters of dialogue, poets of diction - why limit yourself?

Total of 8 different mentors reading your work over the course of 4 residencies.

Our program is new and still growing, but each residency gives opportunity to work with new mentors.
I did a traditional residency MFA at @AmericanU & I teach with the @UTampaMFA low-res. Both have strengths, very different styles. #MFAChat

The W's MFA in CW @TheW_MFACW

At The W, we offer Fiction, Poetry, Nonfiction, Drama, Translation, and New Media. And we encourage cross-genre work. #MFAChat

Diane Zinna @DianeZinna

1/2 I always point people to this excellent article by @Pam_Houston http://bit.ly/1ATm13f #MFAChat

SNHU MFA @SNHUMFA

These are some great questions to consider when choosing a program. #MFAChat

Diane Zinna @DianeZinna

2/2 What I personally wish I had considered: #12 of @Pam_Houston’s piece: http://tinyurl.com/nnqvjkb. This rang very true for me. #MFAChat

The W's MFA in CW @TheW_MFACW

At The W, we have 4 types of classes: Workshops, Forms (lit for writers), Literature & Professional classes (Internships, Lit Mag) #MFAChat
Northeast Ohio MFA @NEOMFA

NEOMFA: only consortium program in U.S. Cleveland State, Kent, Youngstown State, U Akron. Take classes at all 4 neighboring campuses #MFAChat

Queens Univ MFA @QueensMFA

#MFAChat things i wish someone had told me (@melissawrenne) prior to applying: 1. have lots of material already drafted

Spalding MFA @spalding_mfa

The community @spalding_mfa can help nurture you with friends and readers long after graduation. #MFAChat https://youtu.be/uUqEXFya4O0

Lisa Mecham @lmecham

You don’t need one. #MFAChat

UCR LowResMFA @ UCRPDLRMFA

Like @colbybuzzell, on the cover of Esquire this month with a stirring essay #MFAChat: http://classic.esquire.com/the-real-muslims-of-irving-texas/?tpcc=0316Colby.Twitter …

MU Creative Writing @MiamiOH_CW

Internship in China among opportunities for MA Creative Writing students at Miami U Ohio #mfachat @awpwriter
A Miss Bennet @monetwithlove

I got my MFA from EWU in Spokane. Great community and supportive classmates. I'd do it again. #MFAChat

The W's MFA in CW @TheW_MFACW

I recommend a funded full-res program for students who can do it. Low-res is great if you can’t relocate. Work and write. #mfachat

Spalding MFA @spalding_mfa

Low-res is great for writers w/ full-time jobs or families. Learn to write at home! #MFAChat

@V_V_G *camps in #MFAChat*

Evan McGarvey @evanmcgarvey

Mentorship is nice. Teaching is better. MONEY IS BEST #MFAChat

Brianna Kratz @BriannaKratz

Why did you pursue an MFA? (And in what?) #MFAChat
@BriannaKratz Become better at my craft, learn things that can't be taught in books, & meet other passionate writers. #MFAChat @UCRPDLRMFA

Queens Univ MFA @QueensMFA

#MFAChat 2. Just how fast two years will go. Plan ahead to get the most out of the experience

Spalding MFA @spalding_mfa

What genre are you? Fiction, Poetry, Creative Nonfiction, Playwriting, Screenwriting, or Writing for Children & Young Adults? #MFAChat

Annie Frazier @BijouAnnie

I've found an incredible community of writers @spalding_mfa even though it's #lowresidency. Lifelong friends & colleagues. #MFAChat

Virginia Tech CW MFA @VTcwMFA

Our MFA program encourages cross-genre work in poetry, fiction, CNF, playwriting, and new media CW. @VTcwMFA #MFAChat

The W's MFA in CW @TheW_MFACW

Our low-res program is flexible enough for full- and part-time students. Residencies are separate classes. http://www.muw.edu/mfacreativewriting ... #MFAChat
Is there funding for low res? #MFAChat

Attend a program in a different state or region. Easier to write about a particular place when you are away from it. #mfachat

Working on mine through @NatUniv #MFAChat

Our Guide for Applicants is helpful for anyone applying to an MFA program (though we wrote it for ours)! http://www.muw.edu/images/colleges/as/llp/MFAGuideForApplicants.pdf ...

Program directors might find our guide interesting, too. I’d love to see more programs put something like this out. #MFAChat

#MFAChat
I got to meet Karen Russell, Denis Johnson, and Lydia Davis through @UTampaMFA. Life-changing experience. #MFAChat

Or @NatashaDeon, whose novel Grace comes out this June...but who has been running LA for a time now: http://www.laweekly.com/arts/natasha-deon-defense-attorney-by-day-novelist-by-night-4184377 ... #mfachat

Chapbook classes are nice. Health insurance is better. NON UNI/ACADEMIC CAREER PREPARATION BEST #MFAChat

What resources and opportunities do MFA programs offer for minority writers? #MFAChat

@TheKaatibah @awpwriter Miami OH has a fellowship for minority writers for 1 semester per year, + teaching ass'thip for remaining semesters

@TheKaatibah such a great question! Looking at the faculty is key: are there writers of color who will support your work?
@TheKaatibah @HofstraU has the diversity of #NYC at your fingertips, and that attracts students from all backgrounds. It’s a rich experience.

@TheKaatibah Among other things, @BamaEnglish has McNair Fellowships http://tinyurl.com/zf23d4m

@TheKaatibah it's important to find programs with diverse faculty & student body. We have profiles of all students up online. #MFAChat

Two components my @AmericanU MFA required that I wish were more widely built-in: (poetry in) translation, and world literature. #MFAChat

@SandraBeasley Yes, that translation course is the bees knees from what I hear. #MFAChat
Sandra Beasley @SandraBeasley

I did it without having second fluent language! Word by word, working w/ native speaker for the final. @yesthatwarfield @AmericanU #MFAChat

Michael Scott Heiss @SkipWritesStuff

#MFAChat Consider #MFA programs that offer teaching, publishing, editing, and mentorship along with #writing @HofstraU offered all of that

Diane Zinna @DianeZinna

Alumni and current students, what made you ultimately choose the program you attended? #MFAChat

Evan McGarvey @evanmgarvey

@DianeZinna @awpwriter they paid me

Diane Zinna @DianeZinna

@evanmgarvey @awpwriter Yes! This is an important point. My colleague @jasonmgray says, "Never go into debt to be a poet." #MFAChat
I don’t regret my debt. What I learned was worth every cent. @Rosemont_MFA #MFAChat

@cjspataro good for you. Many many more do regret their debts. Many struggle for years bc of twenty something 'dreams'

Maybe it's because I was in my 40s when I got my MFA. I understood what I was doing. @Rosemont_MFA #MFAChat

Funding, nearness to family, and the wider literary/arts community of the Twin Cities. Came here in '07, never left! #MFAChat

Impressed with faculty member, alum before applying. Low res format was important. I couldn't quit my job. #VCFA
Cohort size, faculty, course load, not having to teach my first year #MFAChat - @caitlinneely, UVA

Being able to join an #MFA that allowed me to be a part of the university beyond just the classroom #MFAChat

Consider the faculty—are there teachers who share your aesthetic and also ones who will open your eyes to new ones? You want both. #MFAChat

It doesn't get any cooler than our faculty. Shout out to @SandraBeasley @oparker @JasonOckert #MFAChat

Post-MFA don't get on the adjunct merry-go-round. You'll be over-worked and poor with little time to write. Get an 8-5 and write. #MFAChat
Summer stipends while you write, for all Creative Writing MAs at Miami U in Ohio #MFAChat @awpwriter

Annual Symposium on Literary Translation at Miami U in Ohio with top literary translators #mfachat @awpwriter

We help our students find great internships like this one at Mississippi Film Studios. http://www.muw.edu/news/3269-the-w-s-mfa-student-to-intern-with-mississippi-film-studios ... #MFAChat

What I love about low-res model is the assumption you're integrating writing into work / family -> = smoother post-grad transition. #MFAChat

There are different types of low-res: some are mentor-based, some like ours offer online classes. #mfachat
@SandraBeasley agreed. Sometimes low-res offers the most diversity of life experience. #MFAChat

Because we're in FL, @FairfieldUMFA, our low-res has a proportionately higher # of former military. They make for awesome students. #MFAChat

Queens Univ MFA @QueensMFA

Yes! #MFAChat

Fairfield U. MFA @FairfieldUMFA

@SandraBeasley Us too! We are developing new programs based on a veteran cohort that has emerged organically

Sandra Beasley @SandraBeasley

Yes! Ex military students = Rich life experience, unique vocabulary, discipline in revision. @FairfieldUMFA #MFAChat
What programs encourage hybrid or cross-genre work? (For the poets interested in screenwriting) #MFAChat

@BriannaKratz We actually require cross-genre work. At least 1 wkshp outside your genre. I learned tons that way. #MFAChat

@MinnesotaMFA’s emphasis on cross-genre wk was one thing that made it very appealing for me to teach here. #MFAChat

@BriannaKratz #MFAChat Our low-res / e-classroom MFA at Western State CO U has both po. and sw concentrations, with cross-listing.

@BriannaKratz We do. Students major in one thing and can minor in anything else..and that minor can shift around term to term.
@BriannaKratz we do! We have screenwriting and big-picture storytelling, and a poet last semester found her vision transformed.

@BriannaKratz Spalding offers cross-genre studies and encourage all students to explore through our inter-relatedness of the arts program.

@BriannaKratz @HofstraU #MFA allowed me to study #playwriting and #cnf as a fiction writer, allowing me to draw elements to my work #MFAChat

@BriannaKratz We offer all of that! You do not have to declare a specific track. @Rosemont_MFA http://bit.ly/1XYgvJx #MFAChat

@BriannaKratz @awpwriter In our program, students work in a creative genre and a practical field (such as documentary film...
varieties of journalism, tech writing, etc.) and are encouraged to work across genres and in hybrid genres.

Students choose from multiple genres at res workshops and can specialize in screen, poetry, fiction, NF, or a practical field.

Stonecoast students are encouraged to explore hybrid and cross-genre work.

Another factor to consider is the wider environment: urban campus with lots going on, or smaller town with fewer distractions? #MFAChat

If you're considering the next step in your writing career, you might try a writers' conference. I teach @ the Yale Writers' Conf. #MFAChat
Low-res MFA faculty include Porochista Khakpour, Hoa Nguyen @peacehearty, Dolen Perkins-Valdez, Josip Novakovich, more #MFAChat @awpwriter

Our MFA in Creative Writing for Children & Young Adults alumni have a particularly strong publishing record: http://newschoolwriting.org/bookshelf/ #MFAChat

So many amazing things about @SNHUMFA: community, talented faculty, mountain views, all-year mentorship, bacon @ residencies #mfachat

We're thrilled to be participating in today's #MFAChat with @awpwriter! Questions about our world-class faculty, alumni, or NYC? We're here!

Writers considering an MFA -- check out #MFAChat right now for @awpwriter discussion with several directors of programs on board. Good luck!

And those who are still deciding--what makes your dream MFA YOUR dream MFA? #MFAChat
Our low-res program offers students a flexible schedule. Alternating residencies in England and NJ. http://mfa.fdu.edu  #MFAChat

JUDICIAL NOMINEE @coreybeasley

my MFA was invaluable to my writing, but you shouldn't even consider going into a dollar of debt to pursue one #MFAChat

Jessi Lewis @jessiwrit

Agree with the MFA as experience that shouldn't be overwhelmed with debt. I found this too-- #MFAChat

Daniel A. Hoyt @dan_hoyt

@jessiwrit Please, please, please don't go somewhere without funding! #MFAChat

Amanda Kay Oaks @I_Write_Things

Following #MFAChat to gather ideas while I wait to hear back from the programs to which I've applied.
@I_Write_Things #MFAChat What kinds of questions do you have? I run a low-res/e-classroom program at Western State CO University

@Prosodisto thank you for asking. What effect does having/not having an MA have? What are common application mistakes/immediate turn offs?

@I_Write_Things It depends what you want to do. For teaching, it's important to have the degree. It also makes most writers stronger.

@Prosodisto @I_Write_Things I'm curious whether there are any circumstance in which one needs both an MA and MFA in creative writing.

@Prosodisto @I_Write_Things Maybe if one's applying for a PhD one should have both? Or only if one took an odd route through grad school?
@I_Write_Things turn offs on applications -- weak writing, poor proofing, name dropping, not knowing the program...happy to talk more...

@Prosodisto Oh, yes. I was being unclear! I meant to ask whether already having a masters increases one's chances of acceptance for an MFA

@I_Write_Things This is huge. Please have a really great plan B, maybe a plan C or D too. Teach abroad. Get a job that let's you write.

@dan_hoyt Thanks! Am a 2nd year AmeriCorps member as a result of 1st plan B out of undergrad. Am aware of the importance!

@I_Write_Things Cool! While waiting: read good books. Don't check the Wiki too much. Remember the process is weird. Write. Write. Write.
@I_Write_Things @dan_hoyt I've heard of the Wiki and proudly have never checked it; sounds maddening! I agree, read and write instead. Feels more productive

@dan_hoyt plan B ended up being a great experience. So will plans C, D, and F if I need them :)

@I_Write_Things That's awesome, Amanda. Sounds like you've done lots of things the right way.

Northeast Ohio MFA @NEOMFA

Literary fiction is not a genre in and of itself. It is a quality of writing. Genre welcome here. #MFAChat

@NEOMFA Could not agree more--but not everyone feels the same. @Rosemont_MFA http://bit.ly/1XYgvJx #MFAChat
Northeast Ohio MFA @NEOMFA

@cjspataro @Rosemont_MFA Our faculty & alum have published genre novels w/major presses. Paranormal, Magic Realism, YA #MFAChat

Carla Spataro @cjspataro

@NEOMFA @Rosemont_MFA We just had an alum sign a 2 book deal with McMillan (YA) last week! Graduated last year. Super proud. #MFAChat

Diane Zinna @DianeZinna

The poet Laura Kasischke wrote a piece for us on MFA decisions and superstitions http://bit.ly/1NmnpWk #MFAChat

UCRLowResMFA @UCRPDLRMFA

There's also people who juggle the hard work of the MFA & running their own TV show, like Jackie McKinley: http://www.imdb.com/name/nm1618265/ #mfachat

Tonya Rice @tonyalit

Low-residency program very important for me w/ family. #MFAChat
1/2: @LauraKasischke: “I couldn’t have become a writer if I hadn’t studied with X, met X...been encouraged by __.” #MFAChat

2/2: @LauraKasischke: “The blanks, I’m sure, could be filled with anything as long as they do not remain blank.” #MFAChat

Success: 87% of our graduates have published books and/or have full-time careers as writers or in academia. [Link](http://wcsu.edu/writing/mfa) #MFAChat

Want to compare programs? Also look at AWP’s Hallmarks that describe the different kinds available. [Link](https://www.awpwriter.org/guide/hallmarks_quality) #MFAChat

Today is our priority deadline, but you can still apply until June 30. The sooner, the better, of course. [Link](http://www.muw.edu/as/llp/english/graduate/apply-mfa-creative-writing) #MFAChat
Speaking of faculty, here's who we have: [link](http://english.nd.edu/creative-writing/people/faculty-and-staff/) ... #MFAChat Read them. Work with them. Fall in love.

Don’t forget AWP’s Advice Articles, too. Required reading for anyone contemplating the MFA. [link](https://www.awpwriter.org/magazine_media/writers_notebook?year=All&category=PROGRAM_ADVICE&author=&keywords[0]=&keywords_operator=AND&keywords[1]=... #MFAChat)

Support your cohort. The bookshelf is long & inviting and has room for everyone. Celebrate other's success. Work hard for your own #MFAChat

As director, I still find time to write and publish poetry, including my new book Barrier Island Suite [link](http://www.muw.edu/news/3247-dunkelberg-to-publish-poetry-collection ... #MFAChat)

Also, for post-MFAs reading this, do y'all know about the [link](http://post-mfa.tumblr.com) kept by @VTcwMFA's program director? #MFAChat
The MFA Years @themfayears

@rikam99 is awesome

Virginia Tech CW MFA @VTcwMFA

@themfayears @rikam99 thanks! We've currently merged into one person for #MFAChat today!

CreativeWritingLane @CreativeWrLane

RT #Writers considering MFA - check out #MFAChat rt now for @awpwriter discussion w several program directors. Good luck! #creativewriting

Je Banach @JeBanach

Happy to share more info w anyone interested in the Yale Writers' Conference. At the conf you can get a glimpse of different paths. #MFAChat

Brianna Kratz @BriannaKratz

Once you have an MFA, then what? #MFAChat
Many of our alumni teach, edit journals, run small presses, or work as agents or in literary nonprofits. #MFAChat

@BriannaKratz great question. Look for programs that specifically say they support alumni beyond graduation. #MFAChat

@BriannaKratz Depends on why you went. Hopefully, at the very least, you keep writing.

That’s right. Then what? The proverbial sky’s the limit. Write and write and write. #MFAChat

For writers considering graduate school, an #MFAChat is happening now.
The W's MFA in CW @TheW_MFACW

We have great faculty, including two new visiting writers for summer: Cary Holladay and Allen Wier! http://www.muw.edu/as/llp/english/graduate/mfacwfaculty ... #MFAChat

UTampa Low Res MFA @UTampaMFA

When I applied, I always asked about alums. So proud of ours! Check out @nathandeuel FRIDAY WAS THE BOMB and @shanehinton PINKIES #MFAChat

AWP @awpwriter

#MFAChat just started trending :-)

New School Writing @NewSchoolWrites

Our faculty includes incredible writers like @FreemanReads @angelaflournoy @markbibbins @caronlevis + more. http://www.newschool.edu/public-engagement/mfa-creative-writing-faculty/ ... #MFAChat

Diane Zinna @DianeZinna

We are just finishing up an application/decision season... #MFAChat

Chloe N. Clark @PintsNCupcakes

My program (Iowa State) awesomely requires cross-genre work and classes outside of English! Learning so much! #MFAChat
Read the faculty books. Know how their work will push yours. #MFAChat @awpwriter

Also has the benefit of expanding your bookshelf! Never a bad thing. #MFAChat

Don't do it. Write vampire-robot porn for Hollywood instead. #MFAChat

Program Directors on with us, how are decisions made? What does it look like on your end? #MFAChat

@DianeZinna can you be more specific about this? @VTcwMFA phone interviews all finalists as we believe in holistic admissions. #MFAChat

@VTcwMFA 1/2 Beautiful. For applicants, after the materials are sent in, it can feel like a long period of wondering/waiting. #MFAChat
@VTcwMFA 2/2 Do faculty ever fight for particular applicants? Must all the decisions be unanimous? #MFAChat

@DianeZinna faculty definitely advocate for fave applicants everywhere, tho there's some consensus as students work w/everyone #MFAChat

Kiini Ibura Salaam @Kiinilbara

@DianeZinna @VTcwMFA I think it's so interesting that the applicants think about quality but there is so much opinion and preference at play

Kiini Ibura Salaam @Kiinilbara

@DianeZinna @VTcwMFA I asked an administrator about it and he said it's not just about quality it's also about fit. Weird + CA = my combo

Kiini Ibura Salaam @Kiinilbara

@DianeZinna @VTcwMFA I write outside the box and applied in New Orleans (hometown), New York, and California. I was ONLY accepted in CA.
@DianeZinna we look first and foremost at the writing sample. Is there vision and technical skill? Polish, re-polish, and have a friend read

Diane Zinna

#MFAChat Behind the scenes...

@DianeZinna @awpwriter We offer rolling admissions when space is available and $1K scholarship eligibility for early applicants.

@DianeZinna @awpwriter #MFAChat Our admission decisions are base 95% on the writing sample. We don't want GRE scores or rec letters.

@WCSUWritingMFA @awpwriter @DianeZinna wow

Our grad school looks at the scores, but it IS the sample that sells. #MFAChat
@DianeZinna When @BamaEnglish faculty read applications we're looking for writing with momentum, students who've worked hard, intergenre...

#MFAChat Behind the scenes...

Spalding MFA @spalding_mfa

Live in or near Louisville? Come to our Open House 5/29 to meet students, faculty, attend lectures and readings, and ask questions! #MFAChat

J.R. Dawson @J_R_Dawson

If you write #scifi #fantasy or other genres there IS an MFA program that is amazing. @StonecoastTweet #MFACHAT

Michael Scott Heiss @SkipWritesStuff

#writing can be an isolated experience. Consider #MFA that offer the chance to take advantage of everything a university offers #MFAChat
Fairfield U. MFA @FairfieldUMFA

#MFAChat Writers w significant prior pubs can get up to one semester's credit toward their MFA w us--it's been very popular & saves $

MFA at CNR @cnr_mfa

Our MFA curriculum explores the relationship between excellent writing and compassionate living. Join us! http://bit.ly/1RgWixi

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Jessi Lewis @jessiwrit

Seek out an MFA that will give you experience beyond your own writing-- journal editing, teaching especially #MFAChat

Virginia Tech CW MFA @VTcwMFA

@jessiwrit our MFA offers teaching & editing print journal @MinnesotaReview & digital journal The New @TheNewRiverVT @VTcwMFA #MFAChat
Sonora Review @sonorareview

Seconded! #SR is entirely run by @UofA's MFA students, & is just one of many opps at our fully-funded program #MFAChat @jessiwrit @awpwriter

The MFA Years @themfayears

Second year contributor @J.R.Dawson has joined the #MFAchat! http://themfayears.com/author/jrdawson2016/ ...

Je Banach @JeBanach

The Yale Writers' Conference takes place in CT in June. We're currently accepting applications. More info: https://www.regonline.com/Register/Checkin.aspx?EventID=1782543 ... #MFAChat

Spalding MFA @spalding_mfa

"Your competition is in the library," says our founder Sena Jeter-Naslund. How important is a supportive environment to you? #MFAChat

Michael Scott Heiss @SkipWritesStuff

Also consider getting into a program that offers publishing opportunities. @HofstraU has a blossoming digital and print journal #MFAChat
Many low-res model their residencies on Bread Loaf / Sewanee. Exhausting. But I attend all at @UTampaMFA b/c I learn so damn much. #MFAChat

In a word, WORD. #MFAChat

Rolling admissions! No deadlines. 2 years/4 residencies. Winters in Dublin and Berkshires, Summers on @WNEUniversity campus. #MFAChat

Our October residency coincides with the Eudora Welty Writers’ Symposium, free to the public. http://www.muw.edu/welty #MFAChat

Study @poetswritersinc Read it with your pen. All the #MFAs. All the #amwriting. All the pubs and residency options. #MFAChat @awpwriter

Everyone is different. Consider what you need from a program: time, mentoring, publishing/teaching experience, health insurance. #MFAChat
Ellie Francis D. @elliefdouglass

My fav part @osu_mfa was being in this cohort. OSU fosters community, not competition. #MFAChat

Virginia Tech CW MFA @VTcwMFA

@elliefdouglass @osu_mfa equal funding for all students is a big key to fostering MFA community! We do this at @VTcwMFA #MFAChat

U of Minnesota MFA @MinnesotaMFA

@VTcwMFA @elliefdouglass @osu_mfa Yes! SO important that everyone gets that package. Still competition for add'l fellowships (1/2) #MFAChat
@MinnesotaMFA @elliefdouglass @osu_mfa but knowing everyone supported equally=MFAs are more enthusiastic about each other's work. #MFChat

@VTcwMFA @VTcwMFA

@MinnesotaMFA @elliefdouglass @osu_mfa YES! Equal full funding for all is an important first step in building MFA community! #MFChat

MAYBE pay for Iowa. MAYBE pay for Columbia/NYU. Those are the only 'brands' that might catch the eye of an asst. / agent / reader #MFChat

last night an agent told me branding is a fallacy. Good #writing gets you in the door. #MFChat

We have heard this too. Agents look at the resume only if the writing grabs them #MFChat
@QueensMFA If the #writing doesn't level the agent, the school doesn't matter. Many a failed writer came from great #mfa programs. #MFAChat

Hali Felt @hfelt

@QueensMFA Both my agent @StrothmanAgency & editor @HenryHolt ignored my Iowa MFA. Go to a program that gives time and support. #MFAChat

UCR LowResMFA @UCRPDLRMFA

Make sure to call and talk to the program director. Don't just apply blindly. This is a personal business. Make it personal. #mfachat

Michael Nye @mpnye

Remember, writers, a graduate program is just an early step on the long road of making a meaningful writing life. #MFAChat

Daniel A. Hoyt @dan_hoyt

Listen to @mpnye! #MFAChat

Spalding MFA @spalding_mfa

Support from fellow writers and faculty is key when you look for an MFA program. Ask our alums! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dqRo5IMuRs ... #MFAChat
after my #MFA @HofstraU i realized the community I had available. After you finish, don't go back to the cave. explore the world #MFAChat

Great sense of community. Grads come back to res for years after graduation just to keep in touch and even take a few workshops. #MFAChat

Thats the best experience a student can have. I've had the same blessing with @HofstraU and my #MFA #MFAChat

@WCSUWritingMFA #MFAChat you're WCSU...and we're WSCU! One of your grads, Alissa Johnson, lives here and works with us -- great writer.

@Prosodisto @awpwriter We miss @WriterAlissa !

Workshop 101: Not everyone is going to "get" or "like" your stuff. That's OK. Use the criticism that speaks to you & toss the rest. #MFAChat
Andrea Lambert @AndreaLamber

#MFAChat my #MFA left me with an unpayable debt burden that I only got out of by being totally and permanently disabled forever neverworking

Sandra Beasley @SandraBeasley

I hear @AndreaLamber. Debt is a huge issue. Admin cannot think MFAs = cash cows. We cannot tell MFAs that degree = job. @awpwriter #MFAChat

Fairfield U. MFA @FairfieldUMFA

@AndreaLamber I am so sorry--debt is a serious business. We have to have honest convos about that.

Emily Borgmann @emborgnotcyborg

@AndreaLamber Thank you for talking about this! I have a lifelong disability but during my MFA started getting work opportunities.

Emily Borgmann @emborgnotcyborg

@AndreaLamber Now I am transitioning from disability pay, loving teaching. Could get loans forgiven if I do the same as you. Hard choices.
@AndreaLamber I have even more debt from undergrad than MFA as I slowly took classes & became functional w/ severe mental illness.

Jane Writer @WorkinWriter

If you need time, apply to three-year programs. #MFAChat

MFA at CNR @cnr_mfa

Our new MFA program emphasizes social justice, community, and the transformative power of storytelling. First class Fall 16. #MFAChat

U of Minnesota MFA @MinnesotaMFA

Our alums have great placement: besides books, they're teaching, working @ nonprofits, publishing, academic administration #MFAChat

Elizabeth @mutewolf

#MFAChat I'm a scifi, fantasy, erotica, queer writer and I feel like I don't even have a place in an MFA program. Is that true?

Stephen Burt @accommodatingly

@mutewolf have you already been to/ tried Clarion?
Elizabeth @mutewolf

@accommodatingly I haven't heard of them! I'll check it out

Fairfield U. MFA @FairfieldUMFA

@mutewolf we have had people in all those categories in our program; our criteria is that the sample has to be good literary writing

Michael Scott Heiss @SkipWritesStuff

@mutewolf absolutely! #MFA programs shouldn't tell you what to write, but encourage you to write the best you can.

Elizabeth @mutewolf

@SkipWritesStuff I don't heard this in undergrad so it's hard to imagine a more accepting grad program! #MFAChat

Michael Scott Heiss @SkipWritesStuff

@mutewolf you're talking to a "genre" writer! A good teacher senses talent and coaxes it, not judges based on content. That's agents problem
Genre writing (esp scifi/fantasy) is alive & well @UofA's MFA & queer writers are more than welcome. @mutewolf @awpwriter #MFChat

Faculty can be a really good indicator, btw (for instance, we've got K. Bernheimer, M. Munoz, F. Johnson, C. Cokinos.) @mutewolf @awpwriter

We have unusual genres at @UTampaMFA too. Glad to see biases fading. SciFi LVR 4EVR. = ) @macontedefees @UofA @mutewolf @awpwriter #MFAChat

@mutewolf We agree with all the encouragement you've received. We have queer and sci-fi writers on our faculty, and so do other programs.

@mutewolf There are definitely programs out there for you. You would not find yourself alone @Rosemont_MFA http://bit.ly/1XYgvJx #MFAChat
MFA at WNEUniversity @MFA_WNE

@mutewolf  Nope, you'll fit right in! I'm a queer student in the program, and one of our students is working on a sci-fi novel.

McNeese Low-Res MA @McNeeseLowResCW

@mutewolf  We aren't an MFA, but our Low-Res MA in CW encourages all genres. We would definitely be interested in seeing your work. #MFAChat

Emily Lundgren @emslun

@mutewolf @awpwriter  I write SFF @NEOMFA and there is a welcoming pocket of community here! I did research on wkshp environments! #MFAChat

Northeast Ohio MFA @NEOMFA

It's all true! Everything she says! (Thanks, Emily. <3 ) #MFAChat

NDCreativeWritingMFA @NDCreativeWrite

#MFAChat  ..ruth is you are very eligible...ah well....can you write? the other interests are not limits, but horizons
Work individually w/distinguished visiting faculty during annual sprint-courses at Miami OH. 

MFA applicants worried about next year: K-State has a late deadline. We hold on to fellowship funds and GTAs for late applicants.

One benefit of low-res is that you can keep your job and paycheck. Do the math about the full impact on your finances.

Look for a program where even if you have a primary writing genre, you can take a class in another and expand your comfort zone.
Marshall Warfield @yesthatwarfield

Reading #MFAChat. Folkins is right. I write poetry. My CNF courses from Pitt still affect my writing and students.

Sandra Beasley @SandraBeasley

Yes! @AmericanU MFA allows crossover. So glad I workshopped CNF not just poems; gave me confidence to sell memoir. @yesthatwarfield #MFAChat

Queens Univ MFA @QueensMFA

All of this. Exposure to other genres is one of the big benefits of formal study #MFAChat

The MFA Years @themfayears

"Burn" is up next for all of those MFA rejections. Don't let them get you down! Keep writing and getting better. @HamiltonMusical #MFAChat

SNHU MFA @SNHUMFA


MelissaScholesYoung @mscholesyoung

.@awpwriter What's the ideal size for a workshop? Big programs vs. small enrollments? Reputation vs. access? #MFAChat
1/2 Program Directors, what are you looking for in those Statement of Purpose Essays? #MFAChat

@DianeZinna for applicants to tell us about themselves as writers, readers, and people! Hardships overcome! Life experiences! Talk to us! #MFAChat

@VTcwMFA @DianeZinna YES! Are you first generation? We want to know! Building a diverse incoming class is important to @BamaEnglish #MFAChat

@hfelt @DianeZinna @BamaEnglish agreed! #MFAChat

2/2 Or perhaps...program directors, what are common mistakes/general turn offs that you often find in writing samples? #MFAChat

@DianeZinna hard to generalize about this. Very few 'mistakes' in writing samples. #MFAChat
@DianeZinna Name-dropping, inflated egos, no details about why they specifically like @BamaEnglish in statements of purpose...#MFChat

@felt @DianeZinna @BamaEnglish the largest problem is usually just poor writing -- as soon as I see a lack of proofing, I'm done....

#MFChat Behind the scenes

@felt @Prosodisto @DianeZinna I'm ok with a mistake or two...god knows I've made them myself. Can't speak for rest of @BamaEnglish faculty though.

@felt @DianeZinna @BamaEnglish yes, it's helpful to genuinely tell us why you're applying to our program in statement of purpose! #MFChat

I published five books before I got my MFA. I've published 8 since. So do you need an MFA? No. Did it make me a better writer? Yes. #MFChat
New School Writing @NewSchoolWrites

Our MFAs gain editorial experience w/ @FreemanReads Journal, @litmagazine + more. Curriculum includes a Writing & Publishing Lab. #MFAChat

The W's MFA in CW @TheW_MFACW

#mfachat We’ve identified a track for international students who want a low-res MFA. Live abroad; visit US 2 times. http://www.muw.edu/as/llp/english/graduate/mfa-creative-writing-international ...

Marvin Shackelford @WorderFarmer

I like the term "generational debt" to describe what I owe post-MFA. Don't go unless you’re funded. #MFAChat

Sandra Beasley @SandraBeasley

I get it, @WorderFarmer. That said, if “full funding” = adjunct teaching job below living wage, be sure that's right for you. [1/2] #MFAChat

[2/2] I didn't teach as part of funding my @AmericanU MFA, I edited the lit mag / worked FT at nonprofit. Glad I did. @WorderFarmer MFAChat

GabrielWelsch @gabrielwelsch
@SandraBeasley @AmericanU @WorderFarmer I hear that. Worked as an intern in college advancement. Know now that was a gift.

J.S. Jones @isjonespoetry

Please don't go unless you're funded. It's too stressful #MFAChat

David J. Rothman @Prosodisto

#MFAChat One interesting development is the growing range of low-res programs: with e-classrooms (ours), without, hybrid. Many choices!

The MFA Years @themfayears

What you want out of a program is important. Do your homework. Make numerous lists before applying #MFAChat http://themfayears.com/2014/07/05/researching-the-mfa/ ...

Jane Writer @WorkinWriter

If you need distance, apply to programs far enough from home (e.g., driving back for Christmas is doable but happy hour is a no). #MFAChat

scottbest @scottbest

.@awpwriter See, it's not an optional "chat" if you retweet the whole conversation. #MFAChat
Statements of purpose are also writing samples. Get real. Don't say you always wanted to be a writer. Get specific. Tell a story. #MFChat

@dan_hoyt Same advice my professor gave me. Personal statements can be really challenging!

@I_Write_Things Yep, draft and rewrite and cut out the BS, then revise again. #MFChat

@VTcwMFA YES! We love a compelling personal statement! #MFChat

@dan_hoyt Having just read ALL the #MFA apps, this should be amplified. Don't dial it in. We're reading those SOPs. #MFChat

@vtcwMFA Read and edit for the Lit Mag. It was the most valuable part of my #MFA @CrbOrchdReview #MFChat @awpwriter
As many have mentioned, debt is a concern. Self-funding is possible with low-res. One reason we allow, even encourage part-time. #MFAChat

@thew_mfacw And be creative looking for funding. Some employers will scholarship grad school. #MFAChat

Also, #MFAChat is a trending topic right now!


My feelings are too complicated to say anything in a succinct or smart manner about #MFAChat. #amwriting
UTampa Low Res MFA @UTampaMFA

Facing your finances and funding is real. Every application season, we offer three rounds of merit-based scholarships. #MFAChat

UCRLowResMFA @UCRPDLRMFA

Mid-career writer considering an MFA? Read this from alum (& bestselling author) Stephen Jay Schwartz: http://algonquinredux.com/something-to-say/ ... #mfatChat

Spalding MFA @spalding_mfa

What does flexibility in an MFA program mean to you? Our program can be completed in 2 years or stretched to meet real-life needs. #MFAChat

FDU MFA @FDU_WritingMFA

Find a program with a strong community of writers and faculty you want to work with. We're proud of ours. http://mfa.fdu.edu #MFAChat

Diane Zinna @DianeZinna

When applying, make sure you know the ins and outs of requesting a letter of recommendation http://bit.ly/1Qph2z8. #MFAChat @daycathy
@awpwriter at least for me, making friends or a collective of poets who push either to apply to things has shaped a lot of my work #MFAChat

What about flexibility of location and experience? Study in Louisville or take advantage of our summer abroad residencies. #MFAChat

Workshop 101: 1st critiques cut deep. Whoo, buddy. Allow 2 wks for wound-licking...then get back in there. Revise and get better. #MFAChat

#MFAChat we offer a summer 4-day conference w workshops so you can check us out in advance
https://www.fairfield.edu/academics/schoolscollegescenters/collegeofartssciences/graduateprograms/mfaincreativewriting/summerwritersconference/...

If a full-residency program isn't feasible for you, low-res is a worthy option. #MFAChat
One thing to remember about an MFA is that it provides you w/ a community and readers for the rest of your life. Invaluable

Agree- community is such a blessing for writers. #MFAChat

Absolutely - Went to @HofstraU for the community and came out a better writer. #MFAChat

Another Q: How do you prepare yourself for applying to MFA programs? #MFAChat

Research research research. Coffee, chocolate, hugs from friends, mentors and puppies #MFAChat

if your effort doesn't work the first year, don't despair! Many writers find their place on 2nd attempt #MFAChat
What about those letters of rec? Once all is said and done, can they make or break an app? #MFAChat

@BriannaKratz Hi Brianna, for us the writing sample (not recs) is what makes or breaks. Good luck & let us know if we can help in your decision.

@briannakratz For me letters of rec usually confirm what I’ve guessed from your other info. They are vital, but don’t decide fate. #mfachat

@briannakratz Who writes the letters is also important. Choose people who know your writing first. I don’t care if they’re famous. #MFAChat

@briannakratz Don’t choose your mom, though. Best if they teach or are writers. #MFAChat
@BriannaKratz #mfachat I am looking more for red flags. I want to see that a person is creative and a hard worker.

@BriannaKratz letters of rec are lipstick on a pig. The only letter of rec is your writing sample! Show your best! Show you! #MFAChat

@SkipWritesStuff @BriannaKratz I can't tell you how incorrect this is. We learn a lot from letters.

every time i see #MFAChat pop up, i get excited bc i think it says #MFACat, which i am super interested in

@brandimwells @mfachat perhaps we should call the next one #mfadog...
@brandimwells That should be our next chat--only photos of cats reading/writing allowed!

Brandi Wells @brandimwells

my mfa program did make an mfa cat calender, which i think is the greatest piece of work to emerge from the program

I.S. Jones @isjonespoetry

@awpwriter I also feel you're never too young or it's too early to put your work out to publishers. Push it when you're ready #MFAChat

Andrea Lambert @AndreaLamber

#MFAChat I would never have next leveled my writing career had I not gotten the #MFA but now I can never work again or make significant $.

Diane Zinna @DianeZinna

We asked @JaneFriedman what BFA programs could be doing to prepare students for MFA life and after. #MFAChat http://tinyurl.com/lk2nql9
Our main criteria are writing sample and letter: good writing/clear goals. Next recommendations & transcript. No GRE.

A semester-long internship is an exciting component of our MFA. Students learn a lot and get some added value.

They should help students better understand the economics of the writing life...

...and how authors or artists do manage to put together a full-time living from doing what they love.

Our admissions decisions are 98% based on the writing sample. Lots of applicants over-focus on the transcripts and exp.
At my #MFA I've learned from the poets, the playwrights, and the teachers. #MFAChat go to a program that offers you opportunity/diversity

#MFAChat my #MFA changed my life for the better, but it was a drastic choice that now I can never walk away from. I'm a writer only now.

Remember that professors want to support good students. Writing letters of rec is part of our jobs. Folks wrote letter for us! #MFAChat

How important is the role of an MFA in helping one become a better or good #writer #MFAChat

Went in wanting the community. Came out a better writer BECAUSE of the community @HofstraU gave me that #MFAChat
@CharlesHarvey99 I feel like it was huge in my case—a kind of focused community and support #MFAChat

@UTampaMFA @CharlesHarvey99 I truly believe the community of an MFA program makes people better writers. And, of course, the curriculum, too! #MFAChat

@MFA_WNE @MFA_WNE Make sure your program lets you write what you want. Some fiction programs are tailored to short stories only. Ask about novels. #MFAChat

@MFA_WNE Daniel A. Hoyt @dan_hoyt @MFA_WNE I wish more programs had novel writing classes! We do at K-State, and we’re be adding a regular YA novel class. #MFAChat

Mile-High MFA @MileHighMFA

We're brand new w/ accomplished, diverse faculty in poetry, fiction, nonfiction, plays, YA, graphic novels. #MFAChat http://www.regis.edu/RC/Academics/Departments-and-Faculty/MFA-Creative-Writing/Faculty.aspx ...
"Helpless"—when you apply to your dream MFA program and check your phone everyday for an acceptance #MFAChat @HamiltonMusical

Miami U Ohio low-res: screenwriting, creative nonfiction, fiction, poetry, top literary agents, gloriously lovely campus #MFAChat @awpwriter

If you need mentors, apply to programs where writers you admire are present (teaches a semester/yr, holds on-campus office hours). #MFAChat

1/3 At #AWP16 there are several panels on choosing a good MFA program. #MFAChat

2/3 "Full-Res, Low-Res, Online Experience" w/ @ChristineSneed and students/faculty from 8 schools. http://bit.ly/1Q6WYEM. #MFAChat

3/3 The Meaning of Every(MFA)Thing http://bit.ly/1Sk6JyA with Kevin Canty @fictionalkevin and directors of 4 other programs #MFAChat
davidbishop @davidbishop

#MFAChat concerned about debt & can't get fully funded in US? Consider UK - MFAs & MAs can be cheaper overseas

Virginia Tech CW MFA @VTcwMFA

@davidbishop there are also @USUKFulbright Fellowships to fund CW programs in UK! Ditto for Ireland! I just had a Fulbright at QUB! #MFAChat

J.S. Jones @isjonespoetry

@awpwriter I learned my age isn't an indicator necessarily of how powerful my work. I am & being aware of what the world gives me #mfachat

sophie klahr @sophieklahr

#MFAChat 1. only go to 3 year prgms w funding 2. it's not social hour 3. go where it's warm, figuratively etc. 4 The work is all that matters

Tina G. @TinaMGarv

I am wondering if I can wait out the MFA fad and still be hired to teach what I love (poetry). Thoughts? #MFAChat
@TinaMGarv I think for better or worse universities want a terminal degree and that won't change. Some now want PhDs... #MFAChat

@FairfieldUMFA Truth. It is also true that even some retail jobs require a BA. Does the cost outweighs the benefit? #MFAChat

@TinaMGarv I think each situation is different, depends on your goals. If you want to go over specifics you can email:shuber@fairfield.edu

@TinaMGarv @FairfieldUMFA @mfachat Again, a very personal choice. Most of us in the business did it because we felt compelled...

@TinaMGarv @FairfieldUMFA My feeling is the only reason to get an MFA is because you want to be a better writer. @Rosemont_MFA #MFAChat
@TinaMGary Good question. I think if you are driven and can't NOT write, an MFA is extremely valuable #MFAChat

@MelissaScholesYoung @mscholesyoung

@TinaMGary The work always matters more than the degree. Always. #MFAChat

@mscholesyoung If only university HR departments saw things that way. One day perhaps...#MFAChat

@MelissaScholesYoung @mscholesyoung

@TinaMGary Truth. But an #MFA won't open that door. Only books. Only the work.

@DavidJ.Rothman @Prosodisto

@TinaMGary #mfachat Doubt the MFA is a fad, for many reasons. If you want to teach in higher ed. with any hope of tenure, it's MFA or PhD.
@TinaMGarv Only with substantial publications and probably only at a private university...but even then...the odds are low.

@TinaMGarv The MFA has been around for 80 years. Don't focus on the degree. Focus on process: it's an apprenticeship in the art of writing.

Not sure MFA=fad @TinaMGarv Great programs offer smartest, most curious, most creative experiences. Many r willin to pay for that. #MFAchat

@TinaMGarv The truth is the market is SO competitive that w/o a lot of publishing credits it will be hard to find a fulltime gig. #MFAchat

@TinaMGarv #MFAchat Most, if not all, colleges & universities require an MFA to teach creative writing.
MFA is still the terminal degree. You could teach at univ. without it but you need several books. #MFAChat

Can you recommend some of the essential books I may need? #MFAChat

@TinaMGary meaning you either an MFA to teach at the university level, or you need to have published several books.

@TinaMGary Letters to a Young Poet by Rilke is on every syllabus I teach. Always. He answers all the #MFAChat questions.

Writers need inspiration and time away from the day to day. We work to make our residencies mountain top experiences. #MFAChat

@awpwriter your story is always, always worth writing #MFAChat
At the Yale Writers' Conference we offer workshops, master classes, and craft talks with guest speakers from the publishing world. #MFChat

Trending??? Slay @awpwriter. Slay. #MFChat

Concerned about employment post-degree? Our program is designed to train career writers, with hands-on internship component. #MFChat

SF, fantasy, horror, crime, graphic novels - core elements of MA Creative Writing program @EdinburghNapier #MFChat @awpwriter #weheartgenre

If you want publishing experience, apply to programs with journals that publish work you have read and respect. #MFChat

Remember that many programs are cash cows, nothing more. They require no labs, no grants. And they return six fig. profit #MFChat
Debt is an issue, & I'll be hungry for a job as soon as I graduate, but what I've learned at UT truly has been priceless #MFAChat @UTampaMFA

@wku Fully funded MFA. Fiction/poetry/scriptwriting/creative nd. Beautiful town. http://tinyurl.com/je5n853 #MFAChat

We're accepting applications now for summer residency. Please don't hesitate to ask us about the program. #MFAChat http://www.regis.edu/CCLS/Academics/Degrees-and-Programs/Graduate-Programs/MFA-Creative-Writing.aspx ...

@awpwriter people will tell you "no" all the time. "No" doesn't always mean it's not good. "No" shouldn't mean "give up" #MFAChat

Keep in mind that some writers aren't good teachers or even mediocre ones. #MFAChat If you can, visit or at least talk to faculty on phone.
If you’re looking at low residency programs, go visit them during residency. Get a sense of what the experience is like. It matters. #mfachat

Great advice! Our open house on May 29 lets prospective students do just this. Visit us in Louisville! #MFAChat

Agreed. We plan public readings throughout our residencies, both for prospective students and community. #mfachat

are we launched yet? http://kudera.blogspot.com/2015/12/auggies-revenge-and-classroom-edition.html ... #MFAChat #AWP16 #fiction

Say hello to one of our award-winning faculty members @Cbarzak Stonewall Honor, Nebula Award, Shirley Jackson Award. #MFAChat
1/3 This month's In the Spotlight member Emily Carr writes passionately about the program at OSU Cascades #MFAChat http://bit.ly/1LSNCHK

2/3 #MFAChat "A group of writers who hike together, cook & eat together...their art changes because their bodies, in proximity--"

3/3 "...to other creative bodies shed a thick layer of the something that has been telling them not to create or love or be." #MFAChat

No peer review workshops on MA CW program @EdinburghNapier - critical self-reflection & professional feedback instead! #MFAChat @awpwriter

#1: writing sample. #2: statement. Don't phone the statement in. Show that you are well read, familiar w/faculty. And... (1/2) #MFAChat
When picking a program, find one that fits you, not the one that is the most exclusive or with the best weather etc. #MFACHAT

We accept up to 15 transfer credits! If you are looking for a change/new program, it's possible. Don't ever feel stuck. #MFACHat

Ask to talk to current students & alums. Ask to talk to professors. You're spending a lot of $ and time. Take this step. #mfachat

Great advice. If you can, VISIT even the low-res campus to get a feel for the people running the show.

And yes I have seen a difference in my writing and my professionalism since going to a program.

...if you re-use the statement for multiple apps, make sure you change the name of the program! We are not Michigan! ;-) (2/2) #MFACHat
Je Banach @JeBanach

With access to residential faculty & visiting faculty: Amy Bloom, Michael Cunningham, Lev Grossman, Claudia Rankine, Edmund White #MFAChat

Michael Scott Heiss @SkipWritesStuff

Remember that #MFA faculty are part of the community - they should be people who are with you forever. I found that at @HofstraU #MFAChat

Heather @heatherstartup

If you want to write genre fiction or even if your writing could be seen as such, make sure the program is good with that. #MFAChat

Spalding MFA @spalding_mfa

Couldn't agree more! Our faculty encourage students to find their own voice, whatever the genre or style. #MFAChat

Sue Hertz @smhertz

#MFAChat Important to attend a program w/ faculty you respect but also students you want as readers & friends. Talk to students!
Some UK programs set up for GI Bill funding, including MA Creative Writing @EdinburghNapier in Scotland ('natch!) #MFAChat @awpwriter

@EdinburghNapier @awpwriter Hi David! you do that even in the UK? Impressive...

@Prosodisto we had a summer school from UNO low-res & students were asking, so we made it happen @EdinburghNapier @awpwriter

@awpwriter Wow -- I'm impressed. My best to you and to Sam!

@NewSchoolWrites @NewSchoolWrites .@DianeZinna Workshops w/ friends + in your community. Make writing a part of your "real life" routine. Helps during and after. #MFAChat
"This can sustain our writing in balance with our lives." Watch the Campus Visit video from @OSU_Cascades http://bit.ly/1OLXO4I. #MFAChat

So proud to be teaching in the MFA Program at @univmiami. We have a diverse, multilingual faculty & we fully fund all our students. #MFAChat

#MFAChat your #MFA will not guarantee you a job. If you get a teaching job it will not be a well-paying job. You will have a lot of debt.

Genre fiction? No problem! Our students/faculty include YA, horror, scifi, fantasy, crime, mystery as well as literary novelists! #MFAChat

Additionally, I'm in love with my own work, obsessed, and I credit the low-res model for giving me time to be alone and write. #MFAChat
Look for opportunities to contribute to program's lit mag. Here's a link to ours!  
http://www.assignmentmag.com/  
#MFAChat

TaraShea Nesbit, author of Wives of Los Alamos, new faculty in creative nonfiction at Miami in Ohio  
@t_nesbit #MFAChat @awpwriter

The Guide features videos of students talking about what makes their programs special.  
#MFAChat #CampusVisit  
http://bit.ly/1RKTK89

There are videos featuring residential and low-residency programs, as well as an immersive semester program  
#MFAChat

Short, informal, student-created videos focus on what life is like at that particular program  
http://bit.ly/1RKTK89  
#MFAChat
Learn more about the MFA program at @SJSU from faculty and students. "It's a very hands-on MFA." 
http://bit.ly/1TOCGmd #MFAChat

@awpwriter Read everything. The world is a text for you to ingest #MFAChat

"A community here, and the community that will follow me when I leave." @SolsticeMFA 
http://bit.ly/1TkVuKg #MFAChat

Iowa State also has amazingly generous funding & a great set-up for helping you become a better teacher. So lucky to be here! #MFAChat

"You have access to an amazing array of professional writers who can really meet your needs" 
@FairfieldUMFA http://bit.ly/1RDKR1p #MFAChat

@DianeZinna @FairfieldUMFA, I loved my time at Fairfield. Met many wonderful writers who are now friends. #MFAChat
Fairfield U. MFA @FairfieldUMFA

@CKstories thank you so much for the shout-out!

Virginia Tech CW MFA @VTcwMFA

For minority & other underrepresented writers, know about opportunities outside MFA for mentorship! #MFAChat http://post-mfa.tumblr.com/diversity

Northeast Ohio MFA @NEOMFA

Our past guest speakers and workshop leaders: George Saunders, Roxane Gay, Junot Diaz, Kate Greenstreet, Miranda July #MFAChat

MU Creative Writing @MiamiOH_CW

Among Miami OH alums: Pulitzer-nom. playwright Rajiv Joseph, Pulitzer winner Rita Dove, an Acad. of Amer. Poets director #MFAChat @awpwriter

Diane Zinna @DianeZinna

Watch the Campus Visit Video from @cedarcrestcolle's Pan-European MFA "[I]t’s just been invaluable to me" http://bit.ly/1Lu2wt3 #MFAChat
Rachel Richardson @pintojamesbean

Not funded? Don't go. #MFAChat

sophie klahr @sophieklahr

#MFAChat gather a community of readers & teachers to u BEFORE u go 2 school. 99.9% of my best readers & teachers had nothing to do w my MFA.

David J. Rothman @Prosodisto

@sophieklahr #mfachat Ouch. I'd say that if they're not -- find a new program if possible.

@sophieklahr @sophieklahr

@Prosodisto thought about it, but re-applying somewhere mid-mfa? waste of time. i already had 3 yrs of full funding & a teaching job i dug.

David J. Rothman @Prosodisto

@sophieklahr #mfachat Understood! Good call, but too bad you didn't enjoy it more.
sophie klahr @sophieklahr

@Prosodisto it was exactly the experience I think I was supposed to have

David J. Rothman @Prosodisto

@sophieklahr Well -- good luck. I hope our paths cross...

Brianna Kratz @BriannaKratz

@sophieklahr #MFAChat Any tips on how to do that when writing friends from college stop writing? :/

Virginia Tech CW MFA @VTcwMFA

@BriannaKratz @sophieklahr find online writing community, sign up for @awpwriter mentorship program, enroll in online wrkshp, etc. #MFAChat

@sophieklahr @sophieklahr

@BriannaKratz read online journals & write to poets you love - folks who are yr peers. ask if they have time to read a bit of yr work
Carla Spataro @cspataro

@BriannaKratz @sophieklahr That can be tricky. I've switched writing groups more than once in order to find my tribe. @Rosemont_MFA #MFAChat

Diane Zinna @DianeZinna

"I feel like the other students in the program also support me as a writer." MFA at @FloridaAtlantic http://bit.ly/1RDM20X #MFAChat

Daniel A. Hoyt @dan_hoyt

This is a great thing, and Alabama is a terrific program. Four years. Black Warrior Review. Great fiction teachers. #MFAChat

Diane Zinna @DianeZinna

"You feel the buzz of it all. The literary scene is all around you." @NewSchoolWrites's Campus Visit Video http://bit.ly/1QppdM2 #MFAChat

Diane Zinna @DianeZinna

"It's just this natural, positive, encouraging community at all times." Campus Visit Video from @ChapmanU http://bit.ly/1pmJnQ3 #MFAChat
Teach creative writing each spring, summer stipend while you write at Miami U Ohio #MFAChat @awpwriter

Qs about Miami's program?—write Cathy Wagner, director, at creativewriting@miamioh.edu or visit http://miamioh.edu/cwgrad #MFAChat @awpwriter

davidbishop @davidbishop

Very different application process for MA @EdinburghNapier - 1 US applicant said "It's like you care!" - http://macreativewriting.blogspot.co.uk/2015/05/updated-admissions-process-forma.html ... #MFAChat

Blake Kimzey @BlakeKimzey

Keep writing if you don't get in. MFA doesn't make you a writer. Only the work will. Apply next year with new, hard-won work. #MFAChat

Jane Writer @WorkinWriter

Programs award tuition waivers & stipends, but if $ is still an issue, avoid more debt (find a roomie, research cost of living). #MFAChat
These videos can give you a deeper sense of the program. Watch all of our #CampusVisit videos here: http://bit.ly/1RKTK89 #MFAChat

@NEOMFA is not only SFF/queer friendly, but also provides internship opportunities & encourages exploration in a 2nd genre!! #MFAChat

#MFAChat I love that @AmericanU, we are highly encouraged to take fiction, non-fiction & poetry workshops. Not every MFA program allows this

Once you are at your MFA, don’t forget to create a video of your own with your fellow students and send it to us! #MFAChat

#MFAChat Is it better to go right from undergrad to grad or take some time in between

@mutewolf it depends on you. I’m all for waiting, but have had students right out of undergrad that did great. #MFAChat Are you ready?
@TheW_MFACW @mutewolf we also have had great students direct from undergrad!

@mutewolf I'm a general believer in at least giving a year between to relax, write, live #MFAChat

@mutewolf #mfachat Personal choice: life situation. There's no correct answer here. WSCU has students enter from 21 to 71.

@mutewolf consider the financial side of the decision, too. Will you work and save for grad school if you wait? #MFAChat

@mutewolf @awpwriter Better to wait a year or 2 at the very least to: 1) gain life experience; & 2) know that the MFA is the right path
Heather @notlockheart

@mutewolf I had a 6-month break—not enough. was burned to a crisp by the time I finished, currently recovering in another country. 😞

MFA in Writing @WCSU @WCSUWritingMFA

@mutewolf @awpwriter Depends entirely on where you are with your writing and your life and whether you can avoid immediate deep debt.

Michael Scott Heiss @SkipWritesStuff

@mutewolf tough question. The meatmarket will tell you go to school right away. The beatniks will say go live life. #MFAChat Follow instincts

Virginia Tech CW MFA @VTcwMFA

@mutewolf it's so dependent on the student, but general wisdom is it's better to take a few years in between degrees! #MFAChat

CharlesHarvey @CharlesHarvey99

I do see the importance in learning to write well. Writing is an art, that while talent is innate, craft has to be polished. #MFAChat
Also consider location as part of #community @HofstraU Students work with and attend events all around the #NYC area. #MFAChat

haha remember the time one of the writers in #MFAChat told my partner and I marginalized people should give up art b/c it doesn't sell

@swannshowl Awful! So sorry to hear this.

@swannshowl We need all voices. If I'd listened to that I wouldn't be selling work from my POV as a queer woman who grew up poor. #MFAChat

@swannshowl that's nuts! All voices are important! #MFAChat

@swannshowl omg no. So sorry!
I recall having to say "maybe telling oppressed people to pander to the guilt of their oppressors for career reasons is bad" #MFAChat

@swannshowl oh I know who this is! I read their so-called "Weird" book. It was very normal and straightforward.

I mention this b/c the 1st thing anyone shd know about MFAs is that they structurally exemplify what's embarrassingly explicit here #MFAChat

@swannshowl Not always true. More a question of fixing the system from the inside or outside. Your choice.

because they are bound up in the institutionally-mediated professionalization of literary production, this is UBIQUITOUS #MFAChat
& I say this as a poet, for whom there is no "outside" to this problem, because the audience of published poetry is the MFA program #MFAChat

@swannshowl Are you certain about this? I have strong evidence to the contrary. #MFAChat.

I think the 1st thing everyone shd know about MFAs is that they are NOT--absolutely not--"purely about the work" #MFAChat

No, they're about community. The people you are surrounded by, the readers, the university, the location #MFAChat

MFA programs ARE about the conferral of social & cultural capital onto ppl who have access to the contested space of the university #MFAChat
@swannshowl #mfachat Artists need to train somehow, somewhere. Always have, always will. It has never been easy and there are other paths.

which is not to say don't get one! There is no escaping the game of culture. But don't believe for a second they are meritocracies #MFChat

@swannshowl ty for your honesty about MFAs

if an MFA will make you a better writer & if it will provide you w/ opportunities to publish or teach are, alas, 90% separate ?'s #MFChat

@swannshowl I did my MFA and all I got was "I moved to Massachusetts and I'm doing a PhD now"
Graduate from @EdinburghNapier program just won emerging writer fellowship with @APublicSpace in Brooklyn: http://macreativewriting.blogspot.co.uk/2015/05/updated-admissions-process-for-ma.html ... #MFAChat

If you come to visit our residency, bring sunscreen. #mfachat

What matters to you? College of New Rochelle @cnr_mfa emphasizes social justice, community, storytelling's transformative power. #MFAChat
Andrea Lambert @AndreaLamber

#MFAChat With all that said about debt, my #MFA made me a writer and I do not regret that although I had to make a devil's bargain to get it.

Sandra Beasley @SandraBeasley

One thing both my MFA experiences have--@AmericaU / @UTampaMFA--is students who support each other. "Meh" to the cut-throat crowd. #MFAChat

Daniel A. Hoyt @dan_hoyt

@SandraBeasley @AmericaU @UTampaMFA Preach it, Sandra! (Maybe a word stronger than "meh" is necessary here!) #MFAChat

Sandra Beasley @SandraBeasley

I originally wrote "Screw 'em," but that seemed very un-MFA like. @dan_hoyt @AmericaU @UTampaMFA #MFAChat

Daniel A. Hoyt @dan_hoyt

@SandraBeasley @AmericaU @UTampaMFA Hah! Since a letter to the editor just called me out for profanity, I'll step in: Fuck 'em. #MFAChat

Fairfield U. MFA @FairfieldUMFA

@SandraBeasley @AmericaU @UTampaMFA double meh! #MFAChat
U of Minnesota MFA @MinnesotaMFA

Another great selling point for Twin Cities MFA programs: @loftliterary Loft Literary Center is amazeballs. #MFAChat

Rachel Richardson @pintojamesbean

Also if you are 22 and straight outta undergrad don't even apply! You will appreciate the experience after some Life Living. #MFAChat

sophie klahr @sophieklahr

#MFAChat attend least 2 post-undergrad wrkshop intensives b4 MFA. i did @junipersummer & @Tin_House summer writers 2 make sure i wanted 2 go

MFA in Writing @WCSU @WCSUWritingMFA

Recent visiting writers: Matthea Harvey, Jennifer DuBois, John Katzenbach, Gail Martin, Mardi Jo Link, Gay Talese, Francine Prose #MFAChat

Northeast Ohio MFA @NEOMFA

Workshop 101: Be honest and thorough, but respectful and kind. Leave egos and snark at the door. #MFAChat
If the first person you meet on the campus of your potential MFA program is someone who side-eyes your pub experience to date, RUN.  #MFAChat

@SandraBeasley Yes, Ma'am. That is not how we roll in Tampa. Faculty and students in it together. Always. #MFAChat

I'm interested in teaching in a low-res program, but I never see those jobs posted on AWP's job site. How do you hire faculty? #MFAChat

Prospective student days are a great way to check out the program, the faculty, & most important the students.

Consider programs that offer chance to leave a mark on them - do you want to be another notch on a belt or carve your own place? #MFAChat
We're always this excited all the time. Not just during #MFAChat. Learn more about us at http://www.ut.edu/mfacw/.

"We're always this excited all the time." Totally, @UTampaMFA...and that's before you even factor in the dance parties. @awpwriter #MFAChat

I go by program director and/or DJ E phd #MFAChat

Looking for more advice? Be sure to read our advice articles from the Writer's Notebook http://bit.ly/1I4nhzN. #MFAChat

New faculty at Miami U Ohio includes @daisyhernandez, author of A Cup of Water Under My Bed #MFAChat @awpwriter
Lots of visiting readers at Miami U in Ohio — check out our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/MiamiOHCreativeWriting/?fref=ts ... #MFAChat @awpwriter

Let's end with this: Alumni and current students, what do you wish you knew when you were looking for programs to apply to? #MFAChat

Check out @awpwriter's #MFAChat for thoughts about grad writing programs.

Listen to a lot of Waka Flocka! #MFAChat

British universities don't charge to apply - was shocked when I discovered US programs do! #MFAChat @awpwriter

If you're writing genre fiction, don't let some professor who hasn't published in 30 years tell you it isn't "serious literature" #mfachat
Erin Fitzgerald @gnomeloaf

Lots of years out, here. Be 100% honest with yourself about what you want. Don't go with what you THINK you're supposed to want. #MFChat

Jane Writer @WorkinWriter

Applying to programs is $$. Choose dream schools—no safeties. If you need safety, choose a safe # & apply to that many programs. #MFChat

Diane Zinna @DianeZinna

Want more of this? Check out the #MFChat we did last November for more insights. http://bit.ly/1oMHD27

UCRLowResMFA @UCRPDLRMFA

We've got four minutes of #mfachat left. Let's fill it with awesome.

DWP @peasandcantos

#MFChat if you're not gonna read books that weren't written in the last 10 years, sure, u'll do fine in an MFA, but you'll suck @ writing

Carla Spataro @cjspataro

@peasandcantos That's certainly not true everywhere. @Rosemont_MFA http://bit.ly/1XYgvVx #MFChat
MelissaScholesYoung @mscholesyoung

#MFA with kids? What say you, @PenParentis? #MFAChat @awpwriter @poetswritersinc

Fairfield U. MFA @FairfieldUMFA

@mscholesyoung @PenParentis @awpwriter @poetswritersinc YES!!! #MFAChat

MelissaScholesYoung @mscholesyoung

@FairfieldUMFA @PenParentis @awpwriter @poetswritersinc I did it with two. I knew how to juggle & prioritize. I was hungrier for the work.

Fairfield U. MFA @FairfieldUMFA

@mscholesyoung @PenParentis @awpwriter @poetswritersinc I had one during my MFA; rough but worth it!

MelissaScholesYoung @mscholesyoung

@FairfieldUMFA @PenParentis @awpwriter @poetswritersinc Why not write? I certainly wasn't sleeping!
Melissa Scholes Young @mscholesyoung

@FairfieldUMFA @PenParentis @awpwriter @poetswritersinc Was also nursing a baby during orientation while fellow #MFAs took smoke breaks.

Sarah Weaver @sarahbweaver

Any opinions on best CNF low-res? #MFAChat

Sandra Beasley @SandraBeasley

I think a lot of the best CNF teaching is going on at low-res, @sarahbweaver, because CNF writers are drawn to low-res as a teaching option.

Sarah Boon @SnowHydro

@SandraBeasley @sarahbweaver @wildwonderweb: This @ukings program is supposedly good http://www.ukings.ca/master-fine-arts-creative-nonfiction ...

Sandra Beasley @SandraBeasley

Personally, my interest is memoir that integrates researched detail from science, medicine, and history. But that's just me. @sarahbweaver
UTampa Low Res MFA @UTampaMFA

@sarahbweaver Check out http://www.ut.edu/mfacw/faculty/. Our CNF mentors and guest authors are amazing. @SandraBeasley @oparkero #MFAChat

Fairfield U. MFA @FairfieldUMFA

@sarahbweaver we are a good one: check our faculty!

U of King’s College @ukings

@sarahbweaver Check out our limited residency MFA with residencies in Toronto and New York. http://ukings.ca/MFA

The Writing Program @PittWriters

Our MFA offers 3 major genres w/ flexibility - CNF students can also study poetry, fiction writers take nonfiction workshops, etc. #MFAChat

Marshall Warfield @yesthatwarfield

@PittWriters I love you all so much. What I learned from you helped me enormously. Wish I had the 10,000 character setting enabled. #MFAChat
Liar -- an awesome new memoir by @RobergeRob: http://www.amazon.com/Liar-A-Memoir-Rob-Roberge/dp/0553448064 ... #mfachat

Loretta Ellsworth @LEllsworth

I was already published when I got my MFA, but still felt it took my writing to another level. #MFAChat

Marvin Shackelford @WorderFarmer

Shoutout to the Montana MFA program. Great faculty, great place. #MFAChat

Jeff Encke @jencke

All the program pitching associated with this trend speaks volumes. #MFAChat

Michael Scott Heiss @SkipWritesStuff

If pitching will help me surround my colleagues and students with the best and the hungriest, I'm guilty #MFAChat

Virginia Tech CW MFA @VTcwMFA

@jencke we fully fund all our students equally w/$16k per year & want to get the word out to those who can't afford debt! #MFAChat
@VTcwMFA Good! I'm not impugning the effort to minimize the $$ impact. I'm just commenting on the overall business of CW pedagogy. #MFAChat

@VTcwMFA This is one of the many wonderful reasons I applied to your program. Hoping to be the first unicorn accepted by VT. 🦄

Diane Zinna @DianeZinna

Thank you, everyone! That was exhausting and fun! More questions? Check out advice articles here: http://bit.ly/1l4nhzN #MFAChat

Kevin Kramer Starts on Monday, awesome new novel from Debbie Graber arrives in May: http://www.amazon.com/Kramer-Starts-Monday-Debbie-Graber/dp/1939419840/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1456862308&sr=1-1&keywords=debbie+graber ... #mfachat

The Writing Program @PittWriters

Also important to find professors & fellow students who will inspire and support you. Community is key. #MFAChat
Students are knocking on the door, so I've got to split. This was really interesting. Thanks, everyone. Many thanks to @DianeZinna. #MFAChat

"Poets will have to summon a fierceness equal to the current environment" CD Wright, #MFAChat

Let us know if you have any more questions! Check out our site for lots of MFA and MA CW perspectives #MFAChat http://themfayears.com/

Our fall application deadline may be past, but it's not too late to plan for next year! Want to grow as a writer? Check us out! #MFAChat

Thanks #MFAChat! If you're looking for a low-res program with professional goals in mind, we are like none other! http://wcsu.edu/writing/mfa
I have two friends with 9 books between them, about to finish PhDs in CW, seriously thinking about ditching academia. #MFAChat

@jencke the alt-ac track is huge and growing! http://post-mfa.tumblr.com/employment. #MFAChat

Moreover, in the PhD program they're attending, they published far more than most of the faculty teaching them. #MFAChat

The History of Great Things, an awesome new novel from Elizabeth Crane, out this April: http://www.amazon.com/History-Great-Things-Novel/dp/0062412671/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1456862389&sr=1-1&keywords=the+history+of+great+things ... #mfachat

To prospective students everywhere--an MFA is not where you go to rest your laurels. Aim to read much, revise, revise, write, grow. #MFAChat
The Writing Program @PittWriters

Pitt's MFA affords that community + three years to work, explore, play. (Play is very important.) #MFAChat

Northeast Ohio MFA @NEOMFA

Come visit our table at AWP Conf in LA. @ColleenYA will give you a sweet journal & pen & tell you all the ways @NEOMFA is amazing #MFAChat

David Bell @DavidBellNovels

Small, fully funded program @wku. Four genres, beautiful town and campus. http://tinyurl.com/je5n853 #MFAChat

Joe Betz @Joe_Betz_

My decision was purely practical. And advanced degree to be able to teach. Know why you want to go. Avoid debt at all costs. #MFAChat #pun

UCRLowResMFA @UCRPDLRMFA

Mongrels, an awesome new novel from @SGJ72, out in May: http://www.amazon.com/Mongrels-Novel-Stephen-Graham-Jones/dp/0062412698/ref=sr_1_sc_2?keywords=stephen+graham+hones ... #mfachat
Chantel Acevedo @chantelacevedo

Take advantage of readings, visiting authors, chances to read your own work, to try a new genre, go to AWP, edit the lit mag, etc. #MFAChat

V.V. Ganeshananthan @V_V_G

I have some other thoughts about MFA-ing, but I’ll have to save them for later; my students are about to arrive. :D #MFAChat

Brianna Kratz @BriannaKratz

Thank you @awpwriter and @DianeZinna for #MFAChat! Unexpected bright spot in my day!

Chantel Acevedo @chantelacevedo

Those 2-3 years go so fast, and that MFA community really is hard to replicate later. Drop the cynicism at the door on your way in. #MFAChat

AWP @awpwriter

Thank you for joining us for #MFAChat! Our next tweet chat is 3/16, and we will answer all your questions about the conference. #AskAWP16

AWP @awpwriter

Feel free to keep the #MFAChat going. Thank you all for participating!
Queens Univ MFA @QueensMFA

Thanks for hosting #MFAChat, @DianeZinna @awpwriter!

Chantel Acevedo @chantelacevedo

Basically, clear eyes, full hearts, can't lose, is what I'm saying. #MFAChat

UCRLowResMFA @UCRPDLRMFA

And we'll do #mfachat with you any old time. Or feel free to visit us: http://palmdesertmfa.ucr.edu. Residency is 6/3-12th. We'll buy you lunch.

MFA at WNEUniversity @MFA_WNE

Great time answering your MFA questions. Always available for more. Check out the site for more info. http://www1.wne.edu/artsandsciences/index.cfm?selection=doc.10434 ... #MFAChat

Loretta Ellsworth @LEllsworth

Many great MFA programs out there - if it's a good fit, I don't think the ratings matter all that much. Depends on your needs. #MFAChat

Virginia Tech CW MFA @VTcwMFA

VT MFA @VTcwMFA offers 16k/year for all, 3 yrs of cross-genre work, diverse faculty & students, no GRE! http://vtcmfa.tumblr.com/ #MFAChat
How many credentialed writers do North American MFA programs crank out each year? How many jobs are available for them? #MFAChat

@jencke Academic jobs? Not many. Our alums work in publishing (literary & scientific), writers for nonprofits, development, radio #MFAChat

@MinnesotaMFA Right. But do I need an MFA for any of those non-academic jobs? Does the MFA necessarily make me more competitive?

@jencke Depends. Many say that the MFA helped them get in the door, and/or made them better, more confident writers. #MFAChat

@MinnesotaMFA Let me ask you, how many of your students started out *expecting* to pursue non-academic jobs after finishing? #MFAChat
@jencke Tough 2 answer, but my guess is > half of our current students have no interest in trad academic teaching gigs. #MFAChat

@jencke Also, not everyone enters MFA programs expecting to teach @ college level. Some just want to have time&space to write. #MFAChat

@MinnesotaMFA But those who pay for that privilege, are they getting the best bang for the the buck? Why not go live in Panama? #MFAChat

Recently published an essay on what conferences & MFA programs can offer & why literary discourse matters: http://electricliterature.com/what-literary-discourse-offers-in-an-age-of-extremism/ ... #MFAChat

I know the official #MFAChat hour is over, but if anyone following this thread wants further MFA talk, just holler at me. Twitter or email!
Me, too. I am always here for you. choover1@nd.edu #MFAChat

It's reassuring to see everyone using the proper article--an--before "MFA." Looks like every program's doing something right! #MFAChat

I fail to see how the MFA is a sustainable model of *academic* training. What country needs 100K people teaching creative writing? #MFAChat

@jencke It doesn't, surely - but it could certainly use 100K good books/movies/tv shows/etc. Personally, I think the degree is about the art

@UCRPDLRMFA Point being: I don't personally think the country needs 100K good books/movies/tv shows/etc. per year. #MFAChat
...but if someone needs/wants it to improve, it's a skill set that can be improved with teaching, as you know.

I didn't have a degree when I started out, it didn't hurt me. I was lucky. And no magazine/publisher looks for your degree....

But it's school. It's a choice adults make. If they don't need the degree, or don't want it, no one forces someone into it.

I know one of your graduates. She's not writing books or working in entertainment. She's an HR manager, a career she chose reluctantly while trying to earn rent in Seattle.
Which happens. Not everyone succeeds immediately, of course. But that’s the case for engineers, plumbers, whatever.

Besides, she’s just a single data point. Broadly speaking, I don’t think there’s a need for so many credentialed poets. #MFAChat

I think poets have it tough, no doubt. Which speaks to a societal problem, but that’s a larger issue.

The comparison of poets with engineers & plumbers is a false equivalence. Poetry isn’t a skilled trade or professional service.

no, of course not, but success or failure isn’t assured in either realm based on your education. My point is: there’s no easy way.
But returns to the question of why expend significant time and money to learn writing this way? There are other ways. #MFAChat

And fledgling writers often feel that obtaining an MFA is an end in and of itself. So it's natural to question why. #MFAChat

Well, I think some programs sell that it is. It isn't. It's like being in AAA. The majors are still waiting.

So you're like a training camp for a multi-billion-dollar entertainment industry? The day CW becomes that, sign me up! #MFAChat

Only if we taught "Being A Reality Star" would that be true. Which someone surely is teaching, somewhere.
@jencke #mfachat This one: primary schools, middle schools, h. schools, comm. orgs, prisons, the military...I've done most. It's good work.

@Prosodisto I understand that you can teach in those venues, but how much creative writing pedagogy is needed there? #MFAChat

@jencke #mfachat A great deal, I think. All (good) teaching requires pedagogy. If kids were taught better more would love the art...

@Prosodisto "All (good) teaching requires pedagogy" That doesn't make sense to me. #MFAChat

@jencke ...and it should be taught towards that vs getting a teaching job. That's how we do it, anyway.
Once you're in: follow your instincts, avoid drains, put writing 1st; don't be afraid to say no but be smart & prep 4 the future. #MFAChat

More information about the program and the people in it here: http://www.writing.pitt.edu/graduate #MFAChat

Re: $, an MFA looks good on paper. I have a cushy lit management gig i woulda been good at no matter what, but now i'm "qualified."

Lastly, #MFAChat people, one piece of advice: Write good stuff and stop worrying so much. We're the lucky ones. We get to do what we love.

You don't need one to be a writer. Most aren't very competitive. Do it only if you really crave the experience.
#MFAChat 3 years of MFA funding gave me time to write a book that i finished a year later. gave me time to be messy&experiment&wander around

Don't go into debt for an MFA, ESPECIALLY if someone is implying to you you'll get a job b/c the program "turns out great writers" #MFAChat

Ponder post-grad. What kind of life are you willing to live? Adjuncting. 9-5er. Non-profit. Find that experience at your program. #MFAChat

It put me in debt & didn't give me work, but I wasn't looking for job training. But my MFA in poetry enriches my existence. #MFAChat

if that had anything to do with it, frankly, there would be no need for MFA programs at all #MFAChat

@Rosemont_MFA the Graduate Publishing Programs wants give you a shout out! #MFAChat
Chantel Acevedo @chantelacevedo

You know what was great about this #MFAChat? Learning about the different programs & chatting with some of you. We make a lovely community.

Sandra Beasley @SandraBeasley

I genuinely love convo w/ writers, @chantelacevedo. That keeps me in it even on the days my OWN writing is driving me up the wall. #MFAChat

Emily Borgmann @emborgnotcyborg

@chantelacevedo Caught very end of #MFAChat you were doing: great stuff! I'll check hashtag, but wanted to say thanks.

Michael Scott Heiss @SkipWritesStuff

Hey #MFAChat folks! Come see me at @HofstraU table at #AWP16 this year! We'll be in LA with @MarthaMcPhee and others from our community!

Tina G. @TinaMGarv

What a great opportunity to #MFAChat and get some advice and information. Thank you to all that respond.
Marshall Warfield @yesthatwarfield

#MFAChat I'll just say it. @PittWriters saved my life. Offered an experience that allowed me to make a living doing what I love.

Jane Writer @WorkinWriter 3m3 minutes ago

If you want more info, attend a conference. #AWP16, a wonderful place to shop programs, speak to candidates, etc., is approaching. #MFAChat

A.B. Robinson @swannshowl

anyways, MFAs are built on the backs of the exploited poor and must ultimately be destroyed. hope this helps #MFAChat

Nick Mamatas @NMamatas

#MFAChat If a professor tries to sleep with you, please denounce them loudly and publicly so it becomes a big thing. Only way they'll learn.

Elisa Hategan @elisahategan

Same thing goes for lit agents - if anyone behaves inappropriately (like my last agent) FIRE & SHAME THEM #MFAChat
Join MFA Director Jon Davis and @awpwriter for a live #MFAChat about creative writing programs today, Tuesday, 3/1 at 2 pm ET!

advice to prospective MFA students: only go to a funded program. this ain't law school. #MFAUniversityofWyoming #MFAChat

and to echo others, DO NOT ADJUNCT. DO NOT ADJUNCT. DO NOT ADJUNCT post-MFA #MFAChat

#MFAChat Imagine the number of copies that your favorite book written by your favorite professor sold. Now remove a zero from that number.

Grad school is not for everyone. After the sun sets, if you are committed to reading & writing, you are a writer. Keep at it. #MFAChat
Bye from Tampa! See you in LA. We cannot wait for AWP 2016. For now, a little reading time on a Tuesday. #MFAChat

I know my writing would benefit greatly from an MFA environment. Now to choose a program! #MFAChat
Marshall Warfield @yesthatwarfield

See a mess of tweets from me about MFA programs? I'm not going to AWP this year, but I heard about #MFAChat event today and had to join.

U of Minnesota MFA @MinnesotaMFA

Had a great time at #MFAChat! Now I'm getting back to work on Prospective Student Week stuff. ~ Holly

Jane Writer @WorkinWriter

If you are interested in how one person balances work, writing and life, visit: https://janewriterwrites.wordpress.com/category/jane-balances-workwritinglife/ ... #MFAChat

Jane Writer @WorkinWriter

That time I stopped writing post-MFA and got the weeps: https://janewriterwrites.wordpress.com/2014/10/08/jane-makes-her-move/ ... #MFAChat #amwriting

Jane Writer @WorkinWriter

That time my boss fired me and I rediscovered writing: https://janewriterwrites.wordpress.com/2014/10/29/jane-and-the-disastrous-horrendous-not-okay-effing-bad-day/ ... #MFAChat #amwriting
That time I had all day to write: https://janewriterwrites.wordpress.com/2014/12/30/jane-and-her-average-writing-day/ ... #MFAChat #amwriting

That time I said, Whatever, and wrote at work: 
https://janewriterwrites.wordpress.com/2016/01/28/jane-and-her-average-work-day/ ... 
#MFAChat #amwriting

That time I funded my own writing residency:
https://janewriterwrites.wordpress.com/2015/07/18/jane-stuffs-her-mattress-amid-truth-bombs/ ... #MFAChat #amwriting

When you get in, visit. See if you find people you’d like to work with. @MiamiOH_CW funds visits for accepted residence students. #mfachat

@awpwriter there is a lot of reverence that comes with acquiring your MFA #MFAChat
Is an MFA worth it without the funding? #MFAChat #makecollegeaffordable

@Gabirai But you can do this without an MFA. Summer workshops, intense reading/writing practice, self-discipline.

@Gabirai Our students would say yes, because of the depth and breadth of the instruction and the lifelong bonding/connections. (1 of 2)

@Gabirai It's a very individual choice. I went into my MA with loans, but I was debt-free out of my undergraduate. Worth it for me.

You get out of it what you put into it. Except for the money - you're probably not going to see that again. :) #MFAChat
I don't know if I have the time for formal MFA program but would like to listen to free creative writing lectures. Any out there? #MFAChat

Is there any such thing as a DIY #MFA???? #MFAChat

Well, yes and no. You could learn how to write well w/out an MFA by attending workshops, reading a lot, and writing writing writing.

@TheW_MFACW do you offer online classes? #MFAChat

Sorry, I missed this in the chat stream. Yes. We offer online classes combined with a few on-campus residencies. #mfachat

@TheW_MFACW no need to be sorry because I was not aware of the chat. Do you accept male Ss? I'm unfamiliar w the school #MFAChat
@timlriley Yes. We have male students. Coed since 1982. Our priority deadline is today, but final deadline is June 30, so there’s time.

Lacy @lacysmith1995


Alyssa Hollingsworth @alyssa__holly

After I got my MA at @BathSpaUni, I wrote this post: 5 Questions to Ask Before You Get a Master's in CW http://bit.ly/ZrajAN #MFAChat

Jeff Encke @jencke

Someone should do an historical comparison between the CW MFA world and 5th Century BC Greek Sophists. What would Socrates think? #MFAChat