Writing & Editing Resources

Soliciting and receiving feedback on writing is a normal part of the writing process, and it models the collaborative academic and professional work. All writers—from novice to expert—can benefit from sharing their writing with careful, supportive readers. This handout offers alternative resources beyond those available at the Research & Writing Center.

General Online Writing Resources

BYU Writing Center Website

The BYU Writing Center website (writingcenter.byu.edu) offers many writing resources, including 50+ handouts, instructional videos, and links to other online writing assistance.

Other Online Writing Assistance

Many writing centers offer reliable online writing resources, including the Purdue OWL (owl.purdue.edu/owl), the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Writing Center (writingcenter.unc.edu/tips-and-tools/), and the Texas A&M University Writing Center (writingcenter.tamu.edu/Students/Writing-Speaking-Guides).

Student Writing Resources

Y-Tutor

Students enrolled in BYU courses can receive volunteer peer tutoring through Y-Tutor (yserve.byu.edu/content/tutoring).

FHSS Writing Lab

Students in family life or social science (FHSS) classes are encouraged to visit the FHSS Writing Lab (fhsswriting.byu.edu).

Departmental or College Writing Specialists

Many departments and colleges have writing specialists available to assist writers. Contact individual departments for details.

Independent Study Tutoring

Students in Independent Study (IS) courses have access to IS tutoring services (is.byu.edu/support/students/tutoring).

Faculty Writing Resources

BYU Faculty Publishing Service

Faculty can receive help at various stages of writing and publishing through the Faculty Publishing Services (linguistics.byu.edu/faculty-publishing-service).

Departmental or College Faculty Writing Groups

Many departments and colleges have faculty writing groups that meet regularly. Contact individual departments for details.

Community

UVU Community Writing Center

The Orem Public Library houses the Utah Valley University Community Writing Center where community members bring their writing and receive help at any stage of the writing process (oremlibrary.org/community-writing-center/).

SLCC Community Writing Center

The Community Writing Center for the Salt Lake Community College is located at Salt Lake's Downtown Library Square. They offer various writing programs and resources for community members (slcc.edu/cwc).

Write Here (Westminster College, South Salt Lake)

Write Here is a community writing center supported by Westminster College. It serves writers in the South Salt Lake area (writeheresslc.org/).

Creative Writing Resources and Events

League of Utah Writers

The League of Utah Writers hosts writing contests and a variety of events to help writers hone their skills. There are several local chapters to join throughout Utah (leagueofutahwriters.com/).

Provo Poetry

Provo Poetry hosts several contests, open mic nights, and poetry workshops (provopoetry.org/poetry-events/).

SLCC Community Writing Center

The SLCC Community Writing Center also hosts creative writing groups and workshops (www.slcc.edu/cwc/).

Saturday Night Slam Series

The BYU English Society hosts a monthly slam poetry night at The Wall (located in the BYU Wilkinson Student Center). All are welcome to listen to a night of poetry or share their own original work (facebook.com/saturdaynightslamseries).

Editing Resources

Freelance Editors

While the writing consultants at the BYU Research & Writing Center help writers produce strong work, consultants are trained to be educators more than editors. We do NOT give out writing consultant contact information for work outside the Research & Writing Center.

Individuals looking to hire a freelance editor or learn more about local editing services may contact Suzy Bills (suzy_bills@byu.edu), a full-time faculty member in the Linguistics department. She will reach out to the editing department to find someone best suited to help. To get started, she will need the following information: 1) word count, 2) when the document will be ready for editing, 3) when the editing needs to be completed, and 4) the writer's budget for the editing (rough estimate around 5\$ per single-spaced page).