

DOCTORAL SUPPORT CENTER
OPERATION DISSERTATION ACCELERATION (ODA)
FALL 2010

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VILLA GRAZIADIO EXECUTIVE CENTER
24255 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
MALIBU, CA 90263



The all-inclusive, residential writing retreat is for doctoral students who need/want to set aside a serious block of time to make a significant push toward the next step in their dissertations.

The retreat is designed for students who:

- A) Have research question(s) but have not been able to complete chapters 1, 2, and 3 (the proposal); or
- B) Have defended their proposals and collected data, but have not completed chapters 4 and 5.

Retreat participants will be selected and assigned to work directly with a DSC writing advisor. The ratio of advisor to students will be 1-4 which means students will have significant support and interaction on their projects. In addition, participants will exchange papers and support each other through peer-to-peer feedback.

For More Information Contact:
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WORKSHOP DATES

Thursday, November 4, 2010 -
Sunday, November 7, 2010

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Monday, September 13, 2010

ACCEPTANCE NOTIFICATION

Friday, September 24, 2010

FEE: \$1,500 PER PERSON

Deposit: Friday, 10/1/2010 - \$500
2nd Payment: Friday, 10/15/10 - \$500
Final Payment: Friday: 10/29/2010 - \$500

The first 8 students to register will receive a \$400 scholarship and pay a reduced amount of \$1,100. The deposit amount will be \$366 and the 2nd and final payments will be \$367 each.



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Contact Information

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Chair:

Dissertation Information

1. Give a 2-3 sentence description of your dissertation topic area:

2. What is/are your research question(s)?



3. What research methods do you plan to use/are using for this study?

4. What stage are you in?

- a. I have my research question(s), and have discussed a methodology with my chair, but I have not finished writing chapters 1, 2, and 3.
- b. I defended my proposal and have collected data, but I have not finished writing chapters 4 and 5.

5. Tell us what you think you can accomplish by spending four days in this intensive writing experience.

6. We will be contacting your dissertation chair to ask about their sense of where you are in the dissertation process, what challenges you may be experiencing, and to what extent this workshop could be helpful to you. What do you think your chair will tell us?



Please submit your application AND the most recent version of what you have completed regarding your dissertation (your approved proposal, or your research questions, or your research questions plus an outline of the first three chapters – whatever you have) to:

BY MAIL:

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Thank you for your interest in this opportunity!



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