



Experiential Learning Course Application

CWRI 495: Writing on the Land

Course Description

This experiential learning course immerses creative writers in the natural beauty and ecological abundance of the Rideau Lakes region of Ontario through a senior-level seminar focused on the power and practice of nature writing.

Through direct engagement with the land, colloquium-style discussion and debate, and exposure to scientific, humanist, and Indigenous perspectives on ecological practice, students will develop original works of nature-inspired writing while deepening their physical, imaginative, and emotional connections to the natural world.

This is a **full-credit course (3.0 units)** running from **Tuesday, May 19 to Friday, May 29, 2026**, held at the **Queen's University Biological Station (Opinion Campus)**.

Participants are responsible for the cost of their stay (approximately **\$800**), which includes room and board, all meals, and facility use.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course, students will have:

- Engaged with a wide range of contemporary nature writing
- Participate in seminar discussions based on assigned readings
- Produced an original, long-form creative writing piece inspired by the natural world
- Integrated ecological and land-based awareness into their creative practice
- Maintained a consistent habit of journaling and reflective writing
- Reignited a sense of wonder and curiosity about the natural environment



Applicant Information

Full Name: _____

Year of Study: _____

Home Department / Program: _____

Email Address: _____

Statement of Interest

Please provide a **short written statement (approximately 200 words)** explaining your interest in this course and what you hope to gain from participating.

(Attach as a separate document or include below.)

Writing Sample

Please submit **one piece of original creative writing** (maximum **2 pages**).

Financial Acknowledgement

I confirm that I am responsible for the cost of the Queen's University Biological Station stay (approximately \$800).

Submission Details

- **Number of available spots:** 20
- **Application deadline:** Friday, February 27
- **Submission email:** creativewriting@queensu.ca