The Greater New Orleans Writing Project, housed in the University of New Orleans English Department, has been awarded a $15,000 grant from the National Writing Project.

The grant will pay up to 60 percent of tuition and fees for teachers to attend Greater New Orleans Writing Project’s 2017 Summer Institute, a six-hour graduate level course open to teachers of all grades and subjects. The professional development experience will give teachers the opportunity to research and develop best practices in the teaching of writing while developing better strategies for incorporating writing into their classroom instruction.

“Schools are recognizing that writing is an essential skill in any discipline,” said Ken Rayes, director of the Greater New Orleans Writing Project, which has been a part of UNO and the local branch of the National Writing Project since 1978. The National Writing Project seeks to gird teachers with the essential skills, resources and support they need to effectively teach writing to all students.
The Summer Institute will consist of two sections: First, a face-to-face seven-day seminar beginning June 19th where teachers will research and participate in hands-on teaching demonstrations, developing their own best practices in the teaching and incorporation of writing. The second component will be a fall online component—a mini-session ending in late September—during which teachers will share and analyze the effectiveness of the implementation of their strategies in their classroom. The Summer Institute indoctrinates teachers into a shared teaching community dedicated to raising student literacy through writing. The program enrolls 12 teachers and Rayes said there are a handful of slots left.

The deadline for application to the 2017 GNOWP Summer Institute is May 15. To apply, please contact Rayes at krayes@uno.edu or 504-280-7323.

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