**Narrative Writing Program AY23/24 Application**

Narrative writing, unlike most academic writing, is storytelling. The BUMC Narrative Writing Program (NWP) guides faculty to develop narrative skills through reflective writing, close reading and discussion of literary works, and through peer critique in writing workshops. Narrative training offers participants an opportunity to reflect on and write about their professional and personal experiences, explore their creativity, write for a broad audience, and build a writing community. Participating in NWP training can also enhance professional wellbeing and foster compassion for self and others.

The curriculum is designed to help faculty—including clinicians, educators, scientists, and public health professionals—write personal narratives, engage with other writers, and give and receive feedback on creative projects. The program coaches participants through the process of crafting a narrative, which might take the form of fiction, poetry, personal essay, op-ed, or other non-research/non-academic genre. By the end of the course, participants will have written and revised a work suitable to submit for publication.

The NWP’s two-hour Zoom sessions take place monthly on Thursday afternoons from 5:00-7:00 pm from October through June. FY25 Dates are listed on our website.

**In order to apply to a faculty development program, you must have a faculty appointment through the Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine (https://www.bumc.bu.edu/provost/ap/appforms/). If you do not have an appointment, your application will not be considered.**

1. Are you a BU faculty member?
   1. If No or Unsure is selected, a message will pop up “In order to apply to a faculty development program you must have a faculty appointment Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine. Please contact us at [bumcfdd@bu.edu](mailto:bumcfdd@bu.edu) if you have questions.

**Application Questions**

1. Name (First, Last)
2. Preferred Email (BU, BMC or VA)
3. Personal Email
4. Cell Phone
5. School (CAMed, GDSM, SPH, VA, SEMC, etc.)
6. Primary Department/Section
7. Primary Track
8. Number of years at BU
9. Academic Rank (Modified or Unmodified)
10. Number of years at rank
11. Degree(s)
12. ORCID: <https://orcid.org/>
13. Please provide a short professional biography (75 words/500 characters, or less).
14. Please describe your reasons for wanting to participate in the Narrative Writing Program (250 words max):
15. Please describe the writing project you plan to work on during the course and submit for publication (250 words max):
16. Please rank in order (1 = highest), the statements that accurately reflect your goals for participating in the Narrative Writing Program.
    1. Acquire or enhance narrative writing skills with the goal of submitting for publication
    2. Cultivate reflection and self-awareness for professional and personal wellbeing
    3. Practice giving and receiving feedback during writing workshops
    4. Form connections with colleagues from many disciplines
    5. Learn about the role of storytelling in career development
    6. Communicate effectively with the public
    7. Strengthen empathy and listening skills
    8. Develop leadership skills (for example, emotional awareness, openness, compassion)