

Chen Ya and Siuha Anita Liu Award for Professional Writing

The Chen Ya and Siuha Anita Liu Award for Professional Writing offers \$4500 to an undergraduate student to improve his/her professional writing abilities. Candidates must be majoring in any science, technology or engineering discipline and minoring in Professional Writing in the Department of English. The recipient will be selected based on academic excellence, professional writing abilities, and depth of connection between the Minor in Professional Writing and STEM career goals. Preference will be given to students that demonstrate financial need. Recipients may be reconsidered for scholarship renewal with reapplication.

Students are eligible if:

- They have declared a Minor in Professional Writing.
- By the end of the term when they apply, they will have completed 3 of the 5 required courses toward the Minor. (Required course options: any 2367, Electives A and B, and English 4150.)
- They will be enrolled during the academic year running from Fall 2019 through Summer 2020 and will complete the internship capstone (English 4189) any of those semesters.

HOW TO APPLY

Send the following 3 documents as pdfs to martin.1667@osu.edu.

Resume

A one-page writing-focused resume that highlights the writing achievements you've made through jobs, internships, activities, and/or coursework.

Writing Sample

1 writing sample, ideally fewer than 500 words (though it may extend up to 800 words), that showcases your skills in producing clear, clean copy, with the appropriate tone and style suited to the audience and context. This sample is ideally an example of professional writing, but it may also be a portion of a longer academic paper.

Personal Statement

Submit a personal statement of 500 words or less in which you discuss the connection between professional writing, your major in the field of Science, Technology, Engineering and/or Mathematics (STEM), and your post-graduation career goals in the STEM field. You may discuss why you chose the Minor in Professional Writing and how you have encountered the need for writing skills in your STEM field major courses. Next, describe the STEM career path you intend to pursue, and explain how completing the Minor in Professional writing (including the writing-focused capstone internship) will help you to advance in that career path after you graduate.

Finally, you should include one paragraph introducing your writing sample and considering the following questions: What is the genre of this piece? The purpose? The audience? What context would it appear in to reach an audience? (For instance, even if you wrote a magazine feature article for a course, the hypothetical real-world context would be publication in a magazine that has a particular topic/focus.) What particular writing skills does the piece showcase? If you wrote the piece for a course, name the course, and if you completed it as part of a group project, address what role you played in the collaboration.