



2023 ANNUAL REPORT

VISIONARY PROGRAMMING

CSU researchers and scholars build ideas, innovations, careers, and communities by writing. Our research/scholarship changes the world because it is published, funded, and cited. Together, as a research writing community, we make Colorado State University an international leader in innovative research and scholarly writing support.



Summer 2023
Week-Long GRAD Retreat

NOTEWORTHY

In 2023, CSU Writes offered **38 workshops** and webinars and **38 writing retreats**, while its **YouTube channel saw a 64% increase** in views, totaling 1,106.

Despite these successes, **overall program attendance dipped by 11%** (from 3,740 to 3,354). This decrease is largely due to the cancellation of most in-person events fall semester 2024 (for reasons of family emergency) and a pause on **show up & write** sessions to reconsider and revitalize the program during AY 2023–2024.

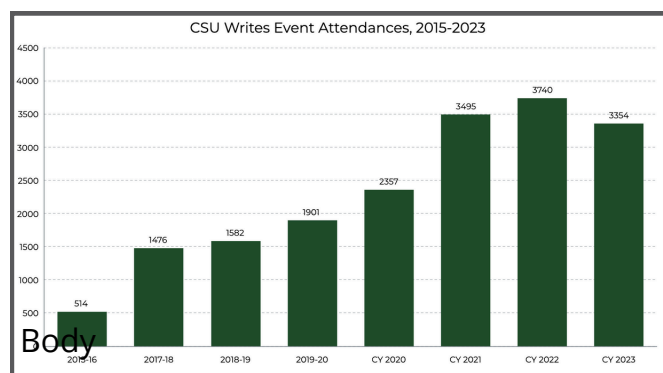
This period of reflection did not halt progress; CSU Writes continued to provide valuable **Mentoring through Writing Workshops** in collaboration with Cell & Molecular Biology and wrapped its associated IRB-approved study on faculty and graduate student co-authorship. CSU Writes also embraced the rapidly evolving landscape of AI for research writing—hosting panels and roundtable discussions that will shape the **CSU Writes AI Guide for 2024**.

In addition to select programmatic growth, Director Quynn took on national leadership in the research writing space with her election to Chair of the **Consortium on Graduate Communication (CGC)** for 2023–2025. Quynn also serves as Chair of **GradCO** (statewide grad support), and she continues to serve as Vice-Chair of the **Colorado Network of Women Leaders**. At national conferences, Quynn shared insights as an invited speaker at the **American Council on Education** and the **Council of Graduate Schools**. Along with Annie Halseth, she co-presented a session on the **"4-Hour Article Workshop"** at the CGC Summer Institute.

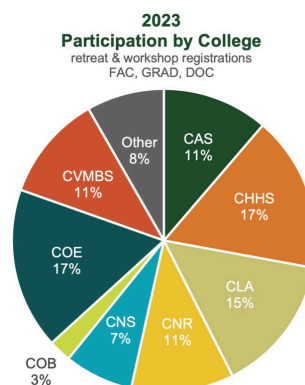
These accomplishments spotlight CSU Writes' innovative offerings and leadership to advance research writing and its support at state, regional, and national levels

ATTENDANCE OVER THE YEARS

CSU Writes' annual event **attendances rose steadily from 514 in 2015–16 to a high of 3,740 in 2022, before dipping slightly to 3,354 in 2023**. Despite this recent decrease, the long-term trend demonstrates substantial growth in participation.



PARTICIPATION BY COLLEGE



Like years past, the **College of Health and Human Sciences (CHHS)** and the **College of Engineering (COE)** accounted for the largest number of workshop and retreat participants at 17% each. The **College of Liberal Arts (CLA)** followed with 15%. The **College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences (CVMBS)**, **College of Natural Resources (CNR)**, and **College of Agricultural Sciences (CAS)** each accounted for 11% each. While the **College of Natural Sciences (CNS)** made up 7%, and the **College of Business (COB)** comprised 3%. "Other" categories (such as Libraries and SAUs) accounted for 8% of participants.





TEAM

This year CSU Writes was powered by a diverse and dedicated team of graduate student interns and faculty. Our interns included **Kimi Conro** (Journalism and Media Communications), **Sarah Howard** (English), **Hayley Hasberger** (Communication Studies), **Emma Lynn** (Communication Studies), **Brian Mitchell** (Horticulture), **Riana Slyter** (Communication Studies), **Conor McMahon** (Biomanufacturing and Biotechnology), **Nancy Achaiaa Frimpong** (Communication Studies), and **Lindsey Bush** (TEFOL/TESL).

Annie Halseth, an instructor in English, served as the first program coordinator, managing events and expanding the "4-Hour Article Draft" initiative before wrapping up her role in spring.

Dr. Luciana Marques joined in the fall to revitalize the INTERNATIONAL Writes program, and **Dr. Izabela Ragan** continued to lead weekly NIH grant writing support for the fourth consecutive year.

Together, this team played a crucial role in fulfilling CSU Writes' mission to support researchers and scholars who write for submission and/or degree completion.

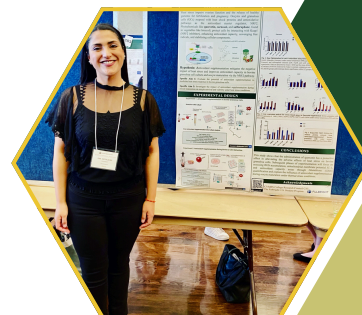
OPPORTUNITIES

As AI transforms research writing and reading, **CSU Writes is poised to support researchers and our use of AI (or non-use in select cases) to enhance writing processes, streamline editing, and accelerate research outcomes.** Responding to growing demand, we see exciting opportunities to expand editing support services and cultivate college-based writing communities of practice. Additional research acceleration initiatives include continuing collaborative projects with USGS-facilitated teams.

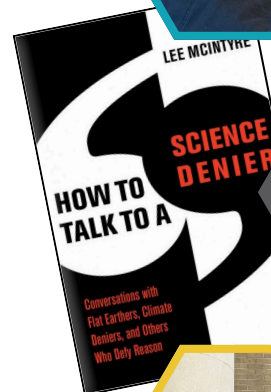
These opportunities are tempered, however, by the challenge of static institutional funding since 2015, which has not kept pace with the program's expansion and limited data analysis support. Securing consistent university leadership that recognizes and invests in research writing support will be crucial to realizing these ambitions and providing recognizable world-class writing support for researchers across their career spans at CSU.

GRATITUDE

Programs like CSU Writes thrive with the support of an active writing community. We are deeply grateful to our faculty collaborators and contributors across campus, our volunteer writing proctors, graduate student interns, postdoc facilitators, the Graduate School for essential administrative support, and the Office of the Vice President for Research for funding. A special thanks goes to the wildlife biologists and field ecologists at the USGS, whose tireless writing efforts and generous appreciation of writing facilitation underscore the value of our work. **Thank you.**



Ghyslaine Ramirez
Biomedical Sciences
Winner of the CSU Writes
Award for Written Excellence
2023 Grad Show



The **2023 Book Club** explored challenges & strategies in science communication



2023 Week-Long
Women Faculty Writing Retreat

