“I came to the WTWP Summer Institute with a desire to become a better writing teacher. I got way more from it than I could ever have imagined. I didn’t realize the growth I would experience from the reflection upon myself as a teacher and writer, which is going to carry over into my teaching of not only writing, but all subjects.”

—Rebecca Hasselle, Dyersburg Middle School, Gifted and Special Ed

“I have learned so many different ways to incorporate as well as teach writing in my class. Through the teaching demonstrations, I have been shown some very interesting lessons for particular novels and/or units as well as ways to utilize writing with almost any kind of lesson.”

—Greg Barclay, South Fulton High School, English

“I’ve got lots to live up to after meeting and sharing with such super teachers. They’ve inspired, challenged, and motivated me to be better and try writing/reading across all content areas. Yes, it can be done!”

—Heather Harned, Glenellen Elementary in Clarksville, 2nd Grade

“As a result of the summer institute, I want to research content area literacy and see what it will do to my science classes.”

—Angela Lamb, Obion County Central High School, Chemistry

“Since I’ve been to the institute, I realize that I have never had any lessons on the craft of writing. The simple suggestions offered in the writing exercises have given me new perspectives and ideas. Each time I pick up something I have written, I have a new way to evaluate, change or admire my own work.”

—Jennifer Brandon, Ripley Primary School, 2nd Grade

The University of Tennessee at Martin
West Tennessee Writing Project
16th Invitational
Summer Institute
May 17 and June 2–26, 2008
You Are Invited
The West Tennessee Writing Project invites teachers, K-12, all subject-matter areas, to apply for participation in its invitational institute May 17 and June 2–26, 2008 on the campus of the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The institute is for already-excellent teachers who want to become stronger teachers, particularly of reading and writing, and part of the ongoing professional community of WTWP Teacher Consultants.

What is the Summer Institute Like?
Fifteen teachers, K-12, all subject areas, will be invited, after application, to meet for sixteen days—on Saturday May 17 and June 2–26, 2008, Mon.–Thurs. In addition, teachers plan three Saturday morning follow-ups during the school year.

Through teaching demonstrations, discussions, and reading, teachers discover innovative ways to meet standards and to implement differentiated instruction; methods of assessment that are both teacher-driven and student-driven; approaches to writing and reading that develop critical thinking among students; and realize that wonderings about students and learning become the beginnings of classroom inquiry. In afternoon writing workshops, teachers recover their love of writing.

What About the Cost?
Tuition ($1938 for 6 hours graduate credit) is covered by grants from the National Writing Project. Teachers cover the cost of incidental expenses associated with participation. The invitational institute is offered as English 700-701. Six hours credit are awarded at the end of first summer session 2008. The graduate credit may be used as part of a master’s program in education at UT Martin, for recertification, for points toward Highly Qualified Status, or for hours above the master’s.

All teachers accepted to the invitational institute first must be accepted for graduate study at the University of Tennessee at Martin. For more information about admission to Graduate Studies, contact Linda Arant, larant@utm.edu, student services specialist, Office of Graduate Studies, 309 Administration, UT Martin, Martin, TN 38238, or 731. 881.7012.

How Do I Apply?
Print the application from the web site:

www.utm.edu/wtwp

or complete the form at right and send it in to request an application. Or call, e-mail, or FAX WTWP:

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Deadline for receipt of all application materials is Feb. 22, 2008. Early applications are strongly encouraged.

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