

Workshopping Your Self:
How to Write a Personal Essay
for Nationally Competitive Fellowship Applications

721-E (68th Street)
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- Conduct an “inventory” of your experiences, intellectual interests, aspirations, and capacities
- Discuss what any foundation hopes to learn about you from your personal essay
- Read and critique a sample essay from a successful application
- Learn how to write a personal statement for nationally competitive fellowship applications

“Creating an authentic and compelling prestigious scholarship application seemed daunting to me at first. But in the OPS writing workshop, Stephen and Margaret talked us through the entire application process. The workshop’s short reading assignments made me think about the tone and structure of my writing, and the short writing assignments later formed the basis for my application essays. This workshop provides an excellent foundation for anyone interested in improving their writing over a few relaxed and fun days. I cannot recommend this program highly enough!”

—Gabriella Cook-Francis

Thomas Hunter Honors Program ('17) and Marshall Scholar, ('19)

*Fifteen students will be selected to participate in this four-day workshop. Each day the workshop will begin with a continental breakfast at 10:00 a.m., break for a box lunch at noon, and finish at 3:00 p.m. For a copy of the syllabus and to register for the Workshop, write to ops@hunter.cuny.edu