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AWP Launches HBCU Fellowship Program

Norfolk, VA — AWP recently announced the launch of its [HBCU Fellowship Program](#), which aims to uplift creative writing programs at HBCUs and encourage the involvement of HBCUs within AWP. The inaugural events will take place from March 8–11 at the 2023 Conference & Bookfair in Seattle, Washington.

[Sponsored by a grant](#) from the NEA, this program will award two HBCU faculty members and four HBCU students fellowships. The faculty fellowships (whose applications are open now through October 31) include a \$4,000 honorarium, paid travel expenses and lodging for the duration of the conference, and publication in [The Writer's Chronicle](#) regarding their experience at the conference.

The selected fellows will serve as mentors to two students each and will also have the opportunity to work closely with A.J. Verdelle, an HBCU professor and award-winning author of *The Good Negress* and *Miss Chloe: A Memoir of Literary Friendship with Toni Morrison*. Together, Verdelle and the fellows will discuss ways to support creative writing endeavors at HBCUs.

Active HBCU faculty, both part-time and full-time, are encouraged to apply on [AWP's Submittable page](#). Applications for student fellows will open in November. For additional questions or more information, please email awp@awpwriter.org. For press inquiries, email awppr@awpwriter.org.

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