**2023 CREATIVE WRITING J-TERM IN PARIS**

**Dates:** January 5-20, 2023

**Location:** Paris, France

**Instructors:** Kathie Bergquist and Doug Whippo

**For information about upcoming info session and Zoom meeting links, visit our program website:** [**https://kathiebergquist.wixsite.com/parisjterm**](https://kathiebergquist.wixsite.com/parisjterm)

**To apply**, submit a letter of interest, indicating your academic year, major, current GPA, a personal introduction, why you are interested in the Paris J-Term, your interest and experience with creative writing, and how you think this study abroad opportunity will benefit you. Note: because this is an academic program, we are less interested in your lifelong dream of going to Paris, and more interested in what you will contribute to the program and how it will benefit your creative or professional development. Letters should run 1-2 typed, double-spaced pages.

Email letter of interest as a .doc or .pdf attachment to Kathie Bergquist: kbergquist@colum.edu. Application deadline is Monday, Oct. 3, 2022. Accepted students will be notified no later than Oct. 9. Once accepted, a $750 deposit, due by Oct. 15, will hold your place in the program. The deposit is deducted from the program session fees. The balance of your session fees ($2350) will appear on your SP 23 tuition bill.

**Description:** While exploring the work of Ernest Hemingway and James Baldwin and through deep interaction with the city of Paris and its rich literary heritage, students experience firsthand life as a creative writer abroad, see their work in the context of other writers’ works, and examine the personal and social contexts for creativity.

**Assignments** include assigned readings, daily journaling, and specific writing assignments, culminating in a revised, fully developed piece of fiction or creative non-fiction. A considerable amount of reading and 25 pages of original writing produced during this program is required as a basis for passing.

**Site visits** include a city tour of major Paris sites, walking tours of literary/artistic Paris including lunch at a literary cafe, optional jazz club visit, and an end-of-session literary salon. A welcome lunch and celebration dinner are included.

**Session fees**: $3100, including a $750 deposit, covers double occupancy rooms with en suite bathrooms at the Generator Youth Hostel, daily breakfast; transfer to and from the airport; city transit passes for the duration of your stay; a museum pass, welcome lunch and end-of-session dinner, a city tour, two walking tours exploring Paris’s cultural life (including lunch at a literary café), and a celebration reading/party. **Airfare, daily living expenses, and international telephone service are not included.** Financial aid may apply. Contact Columbia Central for information about financing study abroad programs.

**PLEASE NOTE: This program is highly contingent on the evolving global health situation and may be cancelled at any time.**

For more info. contact Kathie Bergquist: KBergquist@colum.edu