



State University of New York
College of Environmental Science and Forestry
Cranberry Lake Biological Station

Cranberry Lake Biological Station Indigenous Writer in Residency

Application Opens: November 15th

Application Deadline: February 1st

About the Cranberry Lake Biological Station

Cranberry Lake Biological Station (CLBS) is located in the heart of the Adirondack Park, on the ancestral lands of the Mohawk Nation of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy. The biological station is a satellite campus of the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry (SUNY ESF), in Syracuse, NY.

For over 100 years CLBS has served as a source of ecological knowledge and inspiration. Generations of students have learned from the land, explored their interests, and build lasting bonds with other students. CLBS is a place where student aspirations take root and career paths are launched. It is also a hub of research with over 115 peer reviewed publications crediting CLBS. Building on this tradition our mission is to provide learners with exceptional field experiences, further ecological understanding of the Adirondacks, engage with the broader scientific community, ensure diverse communities are supported in field studies, and to engage with local communities.

About the Residency

Three, three-week residency slots are available each year, with some flexibility based on the writer's schedule: May 22 – June 10, June 12 – July 1, July 17 – August 5. Housing, a private room with shared living space, three meals a day are provided at the station dining hall, and a workspace will be provided. The resident will also have access to all facilities including canoes, classroom spaces, microscopes, and the ability to join classes if desired. Additional needs are requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

- **Eligibility:** The residency is open to Indigenous writers over 21 years of age who write poetry, plays/screenplays, fiction/short stories, and/or nonfiction.
- **Funding:** The residency is fully subsidized and provides housing, food, and workspace at no cost. In addition, the selected artist will receive a stipend/travel allowance of \$500.
- **Expectations:** It is expected that each resident will offer two evening reading/discussion during the residency, one for students at the station and one for local residents, these programs will be planned in conjunction with CLBS staff. In the fall writers are asked to participate either virtually or in person in an event on the SUNY ESF main campus in Syracuse, NY alongside the other residents. Past residents are also asked to serve on the selection committee for the next year.
- **Application Fee:** Free

Application Details

The application is hosted through an online form. The required information for the application is provided below. You are unable to save your application, so please be prepared to submit all information at one time.

- Brief Biography (In a fillable block)
 - In 500 words or less, please share your professional trajectory, skills, and any relevant background you would like to share.
- Applicant Proposal
 - A 500 words proposal that addresses the concept and direction of planned work
- Importance of Cranberry Lake Biological Station.
 - In 500 words or less, please explain how CBLS is suited to your work and how you will utilize the station and its resources.
- Résumé/CV (submit as a PDF document)
 - Please include education background, teaching, publications, awards, honors, and other pertinent experiences.
- Preferred Residency Dates
 - You will be asked to submit your ranked choice of residency dates.
- Work Samples (submit as a PDF document)
 - Please submit a work sample no longer than 10 pages.

Evaluation

Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee made up of creative writing teachers, Indigenous and non-Indigenous professional writers, and other qualified individuals. This committee will make the final decision on who will be awarded residencies. The residencies can be awarded to writers at all career stages, from those who have never been published and without formal writing education to established writers with extensive education. Selection will be based on the strength of the application package.

Notification

Writers will be notified in mid-March whether they have been offered a residency. All applicants will be notified about the final status of their application.

For questions, please reach out to Terrance Caviness at tcaviness@esf.edu.