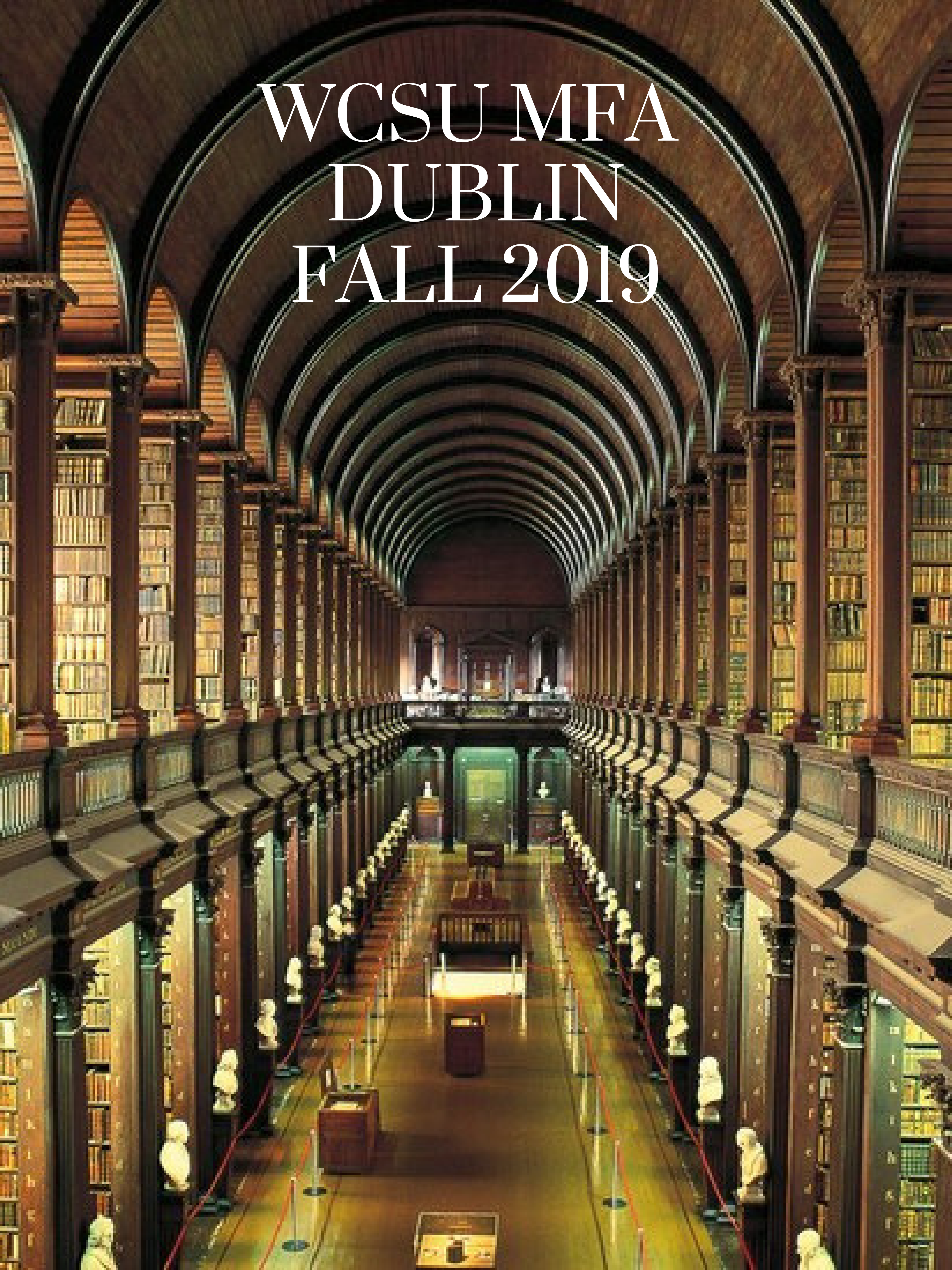


WCSU MFA
DUBLIN
FALL 2019



Dublin Residency Oct. 25 - Nov. 1

Western Connecticut State University's Master of Fine Arts in Creative and Professional Writing is proud to announce our 2019 Dublin Residency.

Our inaugural residency is open to prospective and current students as well as alumni.

The residency will include:

- Workshops in Oscar Wilde's historic home
- Events at the Irish Writers Centre and Bram Stoker Festival
- Day trips to Galway, Belfast, and Howth
- Seminars and panels featuring WCSU faculty and local Irish writers

Total cost (includes airfare, hotel, festival registration, and fees):

Single: \$2,950
Double: \$2,586
Triple: \$2,498
Quad: \$2,466

Application Due April 15, 2019

For more information, contact:
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Bram Stoker Festival!

Full Program Description

WCSU's low-residency Master of Fine Arts in Creative and Professional Writing is proud to announce a new partnership with the American College of Dublin (ACD) and the launch of our Fall 2019 Dublin Residency. Current MFA students and alumni are eligible to apply for the residency, which will run from October 25, 2019 – November 1, 2019. The residency will take place in the heart of Dublin, Ireland, immersing students in the city's rich literary history and community and will include intensive, multi-genre creative writing workshops set in Oscar Wilde's historic home, which is part of the ACD's campus. Additionally, students will attend seminars and panels designed and taught by WCSU faculty as well as contemporary Irish authors and scholars covering a wide range of creative and professional writing topics, including fiction, creative nonfiction, poetry, screenwriting, playwriting; current publishing trends, how to query and prepare materials for literary agents and editors; cultivating a professional writing career as a copywriter, technical writer, speechwriter, and/or freelance journalist; and much more. As part of the application process, students identify their creative interests and professional goals, enabling the MFA program to design a unique and challenging schedule of events tailored for the group.

The cost of the trip will include airfare, accommodations, and admission to the Bram Stoker Festival, which occurs throughout Dublin during the residency (Oct. 25-28) and offers students the opportunity to attend a variety of author readings, film screenings, and tours of historic sites related to Bram Stoker, his writing, as well as contemporary writers of fantasy, horror, science fiction, and gothic literature.

The program itinerary will also include day trips and excursions to nearby towns and attractions including Galway, Belfast, Howth, Kilkenny, and the Irish Writers Centre. Students will also have the opportunity to read their work at a literary event at The Gutter Bookshop in Dublin.

Seven to ten students will be accepted into the Dublin residency, with priority given to current students entering their 2nd or 3rd residency. Two WCSU faculty members will accompany the students during the entirety of the trip. See the attached application for additional details and feel free to contact Assistant Professor Anthony D'Aries, MFA Coordinator (dariesa@wcsu.edu) with questions/requests for additional information.

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in WCSU's MFA in Creative and Professional Writing's 2019 Dublin Residency. This inaugural residency will run from October 25 – November 1. Prospective and current students, as well as alumni, are welcome to apply. Writers outside of the MFA program are welcome to apply but must submit a 5-page writing sample in addition to this application. Priority will be given to current students interested in having the Dublin residency fulfill credit for their 2nd or 3rd Danbury residency. For the first Dublin residency, we will accept approximately 10 students. See the attached brochure for complete details.

Students attending the Dublin program will fulfill one residency credit. Students who have already completed and received credit for an "alternative" residency are welcome to apply but will not receive credit if they are accepted into and attend the Dublin residency. Prospective students who are accepted into the MFA program may apply the Dublin residency toward their 4-residency degree requirement.

Students will be accepted based on their responses to the application questions. In addition, the review committee aims to accept a variety of students in terms of genre and professional goals/interests.

Please email the completed application to Anthony D'Aries, MFA Coordinator, dariesa@wcsu.edu by April 15, 2019.

