

2019 MFA Index: 158 Full-Residency Programs

	Program (alphabetical by region/state)	MFA Est.	Genres	Duration	Size	Funding	Cost of Living	App. Fee	Next Deadline	
Northeast	CT Southern Connecticut State University in New Haven	2009	P, F, N	2	S	Partial	H	\$50	3/1/19	
	MA Boston University in Massachusetts	2008	P, F	1-2	S	Full	V V H	\$95	2/1/19	
		Emerson College in Boston	1981	P, F, N	2-3	L-XL	Partial	V V H	\$65	2/1/19
			University of Massachusetts in Amherst	1964	P, F	3	M	Partial	V V H	\$80
		University of Massachusetts in Boston	2007	P, F	3	S	Partial	V V H	\$60	1/15/19
	NH University of New Hampshire in Durham	2007	P, F, N	2-3	S	Partial	V V H	\$65	1/15/19	
	NJ Rutgers University in Camden, New Jersey	2008	P, F, N	2-3	S	Full	L	\$70	1/18/19	
		Rutgers University in Newark, New Jersey	2007	P, F	2-3	S	Full	H	\$65	1/1/19
	William Paterson University in Wayne, New Jersey	2010	P, F, N	2-3	XS	Partial	V V H	\$50	11/15/18	
	Adelphi University in Garden City, New York	2004	P, F, N	2	XS-S	Partial	V V H	\$50	1/15/19	
		Brooklyn College in New York	1974	P, F, +	2	M	Partial	V V H	\$125	1/16/19
		City College of New York in New York City	2004	P, F, N, +	2-3	XL	Partial	V V H	\$125	2/15/19
		College of New Rochelle in New York	2015	F, N	2	S	Partial	V V H	\$0	Rolling
		Columbia University School of the Arts in New York City	1968	P, F, N, T	2-3	XL	Partial	V V H	\$110	1/5/19
	NY Cornell University in Ithaca, New York	1967	P, F	2	XS	Full	H	\$105	12/15/18	
Hofstra University in Hempstead, New York		2011	P, F, N, +	2	XS	Partial	V V H	\$75	1/1/19	
Hunter College in New York City		1999	P, F, N	2	S	Partial	V V H	\$125	2/1/19	
Long Island University in Brooklyn, New York		2007	P, F, N	2-3	XS-S	Partial	V V H	\$50	2/15/19	
Manhattanville College in Purchase, New York		2012	P, F, N	2	XS-S	Partial	V V H	\$40	Rolling	
New York University in New York City		1996	P, F	2	L-XL	Partial	V V H	\$110	12/18/18	

KEY

Genres

The program offers tracks in these genres.
 P = Poetry; F = Fiction; N = Nonfiction;
 T = Translation; NGS = Not Genre-Specific;
 + = Additional Genres, such as playwriting/
 drama, screenwriting, TV writing, writing for
 children and young adults, digital language
 arts, popular-genre fiction, comics and/
 or graphic narratives, experimental literary
 forms, travel writing, narrative journalism,
 lyric and libretto, and radio drama.

Note: Some programs offer translation
 as a concentration or as required
 coursework; only translation tracks
 are noted here. Many programs offer
 dual-genre or cross-genre tracks or
 opportunities, which are not noted
 here.

Duration

The number of years it takes a full-time
 student to complete a degree.

Size

The total number of students in the incoming
 class each year across all genres.
 XS = 2-9 students; S = 10-19; M = 20-30;
 L = 31-49; XL = 50+

Funding

The level of financial support students receive
 toward their tuition. This includes tuition
 waivers, fellowships, scholarships, and/or
 teaching/research/graduate assistantships.

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Northeast	NY	Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York	2014	NGS	2	S	Partial	V V H	\$50	1/5/19
		Queens College in New York	2007	P, F, N, T, +	2-3	S	Partial	V V H	\$125	2/15/19
		Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, New York	1969	P, F, N, +	2	XL	Partial	V V H	\$60	12/15/18
		St. Joseph's College (The Writer's Foundry) in Brooklyn, New York	2012	NGS	2	S	Partial	V V H	\$25	Rolling
		Stony Brook University in Southampton, New York	2007	P, F, N, +	2-3	S-M	Partial	V V H	\$100	1/1/19
		Syracuse University in New York	1992	P, F	3	S	Full	V L	\$75	12/15/18
	PA	The New School in New York City	1996	P, F, N, +	2	XL	Partial	V V H	\$50	1/15/19
		Arcadia University in Glenside, Pennsylvania	2014	P, F	3	S	Partial	H	\$25	3/1/19
		Chatham University in Pittsburgh	2002	P, F, N, +	2	S	Partial	L	\$0	1/15/19
		Rosemont College in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania	2004	P, F, N	2-4	S	Partial	V V H	\$0	Rolling
		Temple University in Philadelphia	2011	P, F	2	S	Partial	A	\$60	12/15/18
		University of Pittsburgh in Pennsylvania	1978	P, F, N	3	S	Full	L	\$50	1/7/19
RI	Brown University in Providence	1969	P, F, +	2	S	Full	H	\$75	12/15/18	
VT	Vermont College of Fine Arts in Montpelier	2014	P, F, N, +	2	S-M	Partial	H	\$75	2/28/19	
Southeast	DC	American University in Washington, D.C.	1980	P, F, N	2-3	S	Partial	V V H	\$55	1/15/19
	FL	Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton	2004	P, F, N	3	S	Full	V H	\$30	1/15/19
		Florida International University in Miami	1989	P, F, N	3	XS-S	Partial	V H	\$30	1/8/19
		Florida State University in Tallahassee	2006	P, F, N	3	XS-S	Full	A	\$30	12/15/18
		University of Central Florida in Orlando	2006	P, F, N	2-3	S	Partial	A	\$30	1/1/19
		University of Florida in Gainesville	1949	P, F	3	S	Full	L	\$30	1/15/19

Full = All students are offered full tuition support for the duration of the program.
 Partial = At least some students are offered some tuition support for the duration of the program.

Note: Many programs cannot guarantee full funding for all students, as funding often depends on university budgets that change unpredictably each year. If a program has funded all or nearly all of its students for the past several years, it is listed as "Full."

Cost of Living

According to bestplaces.net, which calculates total cost of living for each U.S. city compared with an overall national average.

V V L = Very Very Low: 25% or more below

V L = Very Low: 16–24% below

L = Low: 6–15% below

A = Average: 5% below–5% above

H = High: 6–15% above

V H = Very High: 16–24% above

V V H = Very Very High: 25% or more above

App. Fee

The lowest application fee (postal or online) for U.S. students. Note: Many programs charge a higher fee for non-U.S. students.

Next Deadline

The next application deadline on or after September 1, 2018, whether that be a priority deadline, funding deadline, or final deadline. For most programs listed here, it is the final deadline for entry into the program in fall 2019.

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Southeast	FL	University of Miami in Coral Gables, Florida	1991	P, F	2-3	XS	Full	V V H	\$85	12/1/18	
		University of South Florida in Tampa	2006	P, F, N, +	3	XS	Full	A	\$30	1/1/19	
	GA		Georgia College & State University in Milledgeville	2002	P, F, N	3	S	Partial	L	\$35	2/1/19
			Georgia State University in Atlanta	1989	P, F	2-3	S	Partial	A	\$50	2/5/19
			Savannah College of Art and Design in Georgia	2006	N	2	L	Partial	L	\$40	Rolling
	MD		Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore	1947	P, F	2	XS	Full	L	\$75	12/15/18
			University of Baltimore in Maryland	2004	P, F, N	3	M	Partial	L	\$50	2/15/19
			University of Maryland in College Park	1990	P, F	2-3	XS	Full	V H	\$75	1/3/19
	NC		North Carolina State University in Raleigh	2005	P, F	2	S	Full	A	\$75	2/1/19
			University of North Carolina in Greensboro	1965	P, F	2	S	Partial	L	\$65	1/1/19
			University of North Carolina in Wilmington	1996	P, F, N	3	M	Partial	A	\$75	1/7/19
	SC		College of Charleston in South Carolina	2016	P, F	2	S	Partial	H	\$50	2/1/19
			University of South Carolina in Columbia	1990	P, F	3	XS	Partial	L	\$50	12/15/18
	VA		George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia	1980	P, F, N	3	M	Partial	V V H	\$75	1/10/19
			Hollins University in Roanoke, Virginia	1959	P, F, N	2	S	Full	L	\$40	1/6/19
			Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia	1994	P, F, N	3	S	Partial	A	\$50	3/1/19
			University of Virginia in Charlottesville	1981	P, F	2	S	Full	H	\$85	12/15/18
			Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond	1983	P, F	3	XS	Full	A	\$65	1/15/19
			Virginia Tech in Blacksburg	2005	P, F	3	XS	Full	H	\$75	1/8/19
	WV		West Virginia University in Morgantown	2001	P, F, N	3	XS-S	Full	A	\$60	1/15/19
Central South	AL	University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa	1973	P, F, N	3-4	S-M	Full	A	\$65	12/20/18	
	AR		University of Arkansas in Fayetteville	1966	P, F, T	4	S	Full	L	\$0	1/15/19
			University of Central Arkansas in Conway	2012	P, F, N	3	XS	Partial	L	\$25	2/1/19
	KY		University of Kentucky in Lexington	2014	P, F, N	2	XS	Partial	L	\$65	3/1/19
			Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green	2015	P, F, N, +	2	XS	Full	L	\$65	2/1/19
	LA		Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge	1985	P, F, N	3	XS	Full	L	\$50	1/15/19

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Central South	LA	McNeese State University in Lake Charles, Louisiana	1981	P, F	3	XS	Partial	L	\$0	2/21/19
		University of New Orleans in Louisiana	1991	P, F, N, +	3	M	Partial	A	\$40	1/15/19
	MS	University of Mississippi in Oxford	2000	P, F	3	XS	Full	A	\$0	12/15/18
	OK	Oklahoma State University in Stillwater	2009	P, F, N	3	XS	Full	L	\$50	1/5/19
	TN	University of Memphis in Tennessee	1989	P, F, N	3	XS	Partial	V V L	\$35	10/15/18
		University of Tennessee in Knoxville	2014	P, F	2	XS	Full	V L	\$60	1/15/19
		Vanderbilt University in Nashville	2006	P, F	2	XS	Full	A	\$95	12/15/18
	TX	Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas	2012	P, F, N	3	XS	Partial	L	\$45	10/15/18
		Texas State University in San Marcos	1991	P, F	3	M	Partial	L	\$40	1/15/19
		University of Houston in Texas	1979	P, F	3	XS	Full	A	\$85	1/2/19
		University of Texas (James A. Michener Center for Writers) in Austin	1993	P, F, +	3	S	Full	V H	\$65	12/1/18
		University of Texas (New Writers Project) in Austin	2010	P, F	3	XS	Full	V H	\$65	12/15/18
		University of Texas in El Paso	1992	P, F, N, T, +	3	S	Partial	V L	\$45	2/2/19
		University of Texas Rio Grande Valley in Brownsville and Edinburg	2006	P, F, N, T, +	2-3	S	Partial	L-V L	\$50	10/1/18
Midwest	IA	Iowa State University in Ames	2006	P, F, N, +	3	S	Full	A	\$60	1/5/19
		University of Iowa (Iowa Writers' Workshop) in Iowa City	1936	P, F	2	XL	Full	A	\$60	12/15/18
		University of Iowa (Nonfiction Writing Program) in Iowa City	1976	N	3	S	Full	A	\$60	12/14/18
	IL	Chicago State University	2001	P, F, N	2-3	XS-S	Partial	H	\$30	10/15/18
		Columbia College Chicago	1991	P, F, N	2-3	L	Partial	H	\$55	1/15/19
		Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois	2017	P, F, N	3	XS	Full	V V H	\$95	12/16/18
		Roosevelt University in Chicago	1998	F, N	2-3	XS-S	Partial	H	\$40	Rolling
		School of the Art Institute of Chicago	1996	NGS	2	M	Partial	H	\$90	1/10/19
		Southern Illinois University in Carbondale	1996	P, F	3	XS-S	Full	L	\$65	2/1/19
		Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville	2018	P, F	3	XS-S	Partial	A	\$30	2/1/19
University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign	2002	P, F	3	XS	Full	L	\$70	12/1/18		

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Midwest	IN	Butler University in Indianapolis	2008	P, F, N	2-3	S	Partial	L	\$0	4/15/19
		Indiana University in Bloomington	1980	P, F	3	XS	Full	L	\$60	1/2/19
		Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana	1987	P, F	3	XS	Full	A	\$60	12/31/18
		University of Notre Dame in Indiana	1990	P, F	2	XS	Full	V L	\$75	1/2/19
	KS	University of Kansas in Lawrence	2005	P, F, +	3	XS	Full	A	\$65	12/31/18
		Wichita State University in Kansas	1974	P, F	3	XS-S	Full	L	\$60	1/10/19
	MI	Northern Michigan University in Marquette	2000	P, F, N	3	XS	Full	L	\$50	2/1/19
		University of Michigan in Ann Arbor	1982	P, F	2-3	M	Full	V H	\$75	12/15/18
		Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo	1981	P, F, +	3	XS	Full	V L	\$50	1/10/19
	MN	Hamline University in St. Paul	1994	P, F, N	3	M	Partial	A	\$0	11/1/18
		Minnesota State University in Mankato	1995	P, F, N	2-3	S	Partial	A	\$40	2/1/19
		University of Minnesota in Minneapolis	1997	P, F, N	3	S	Full	H	\$75	12/1/18
	MO	Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Missouri	2000	P, F, N	1-2	L	Partial	A	\$30	Rolling
		University of Missouri in Kansas City	2008	P, F, N, +	2-3	S	Partial	L	\$35	1/15/19
		University of Missouri in St. Louis	1998	P, F	3	S	Partial	L	\$50	3/1/19
		Washington University in St. Louis	1980	P, F, N	2	S	Full	L	\$45	12/15/18
	NE	Creighton University in Omaha	2013	P, F	2	S	Partial	L	\$50	3/15/19
	OH	Bowling Green State University in Ohio	1968	P, F	2	S	Full	L	\$45	1/15/19
		Miami University in Oxford, Ohio	2017	P, F, N	2	XS-S	Full	A	\$50	1/1/19
		Northeast Ohio Master of Fine Arts (NEOMFA) in Akron, Cleveland, Kent, and Youngstown	2005	P, F, N, +	3	M	Partial	L-V L	\$40-45	1/15/19
Ohio State University in Columbus		1992	P, F, N	3	S	Full	L	\$60	12/7/18	
WI	University of Wisconsin in Madison	2002	P, F	2	XS	Full	H	\$75	12/15/18	
West	AK	University of Alaska in Fairbanks	1965	P, F, N, +	3	XS	Partial	V H	\$75	1/15/19
	AZ	Arizona State University in Tempe	1985	P, F	3	XS	Full	H	\$70	1/1/19
	Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff	2012	P, F, N	2	S	Partial	V H	\$65	2/1/19	
	University of Arizona in Tucson	1972	P, F, N	3	S	Full	A	\$85	12/15/18	

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West	CA	California College of the Arts in San Francisco	2000	P, F, N, +	2	S	Partial	V V H	\$75	1/31/19
		California Institute of the Arts in Santa Clarita	1994	NGS	2	S-M	Partial	V V H	\$70	12/1/18
		California State University in Long Beach	1995	P, F	2	S	Partial	V V H	\$55	1/15/19
		Chapman University in Orange, California	1990	P, F, N	2	M	Partial	V V H	\$60	2/1/19
		Fresno State in California	1996	P, F, N	3	S	Partial	H	\$55	3/1/19
		Mills College in Oakland, California	1980	P, F, N	2-3	XL	Partial	V V H	\$50	1/15/19
		Otis College of Art and Design in Los Angeles	2000	P, F, N, T	2	XS	Partial	V V H	\$60	11/1/18
		Saint Mary's College of California in Moraga	1995	P, F, N	2-3	M	Partial	V V H	\$0	12/10/18
		San Diego State University in California	1989	P, F	3	M	Partial	V V H	\$55	2/1/19
		San Francisco State University	1992	P, F, N, T, +	3	M	Partial	V V H	\$55	1/15/19
		San José State University in California	2001	P, F, N, +	2-3	S	Partial	V V H	\$55	3/1/19
		University of California in Irvine	1970	P, F	2-3	S	Full	V V H	\$105	12/8/18
		University of California in Riverside	2002	P, F, N, +	2	S	Full	V V H	\$80	1/5/19
		University of California in San Diego	2009	NGS	2-3	XS	Full	V V H	\$105	12/12/18
		University of San Francisco	1986	P, F, N	2-3	L	Partial	V V H	\$55	1/15/19
		CO	Colorado State University in Fort Collins	1985	P, F, N	3	XS-S	Partial	V H	\$60
Naropa University in Boulder, Colorado	1974		NGS	2	S-M	Partial	V V H	\$60	1/15/19	
University of Colorado in Boulder	2006		P, F	3	XS-S	Partial	V V H	\$60	1/10/19	
ID	Boise State University in Idaho	1999	P, F	3	XS	Full	A	\$65	1/15/19	
	University of Idaho in Moscow	1996	P, F, N	3	XS	Full	H	\$60	1/15/19	
MT	University of Montana in Missoula	1964	P, F, N	2-3	M	Partial	H	\$60	1/6/19	
NM	New Mexico State University in Las Cruces	2001	P, F	3	XS-S	Partial	L	\$40	1/15/19	
	University of New Mexico in Albuquerque	2005	P, F, N	3	XS	Full	A	\$50	1/15/19	
NV	University of Nevada in Las Vegas	1997	P, F, N	3	S	Full	A	\$60	1/15/19	
	University of Nevada in Reno	2015	P, F	3	XS-S	Partial	V H	\$60	1/15/19	
OR	Oregon State University in Corvallis	2002	P, F, N	2	S	Full	V V H	\$75	1/2/19	

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West	OR	Portland State University in Oregon	2009	P, F, N	2	M	Partial	V V H	\$67	1/15/19
		University of Oregon in Eugene	1966	P, F	2	XS-S	Full	H	\$70	12/8/18
	UT	Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah	2009	P, F, N	2	S	Full	A	\$50	1/15/19
		University of Utah in Salt Lake City	1983	P, F, N, +	2-3	S	Partial	H	\$55	12/15/18
	WA	Eastern Washington University in Spokane	1972	P, F, N	2	M	Partial	A	\$75	2/15/19
		University of Washington in Bothell	2012	NGS	2	S	Partial	V V H	\$85	2/1/19
		University of Washington in Seattle	1947	P, F, N	2	S	Partial	V V H	\$85	1/2/19
		Western Washington University in Bellingham	2013	P, F, N	2	S	Partial	V V H	\$100	1/15/19
	WY	University of Wyoming in Laramie	2008	F, N	2	XS	Full	A	\$50	1/10/19
	International	CDN	University of British Columbia in Vancouver	1965	P, F, N, T, +	2	S-M	Partial	-	\$165 Canadian
University of Guelph in Ontario			2006	P, F, N, +	2	S	Partial	-	\$110 Canadian	12/10/18
University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon			2011	P, F, N	2	XS	Partial	-	\$90 Canadian	1/31/19
University of Victoria in British Columbia			2008	P, F, N, +	2	XS	Full	-	\$156 Canadian	12/1/18
UK		University of East Anglia in Norwich	2015	F	2	S	Partial	-	\$0	5/1/19
		Kingston University in London	2009	P, F, N, +	2	M	Partial	-	\$0	7/31/19

NOTES: Many attempts were made to verify the information in the MFA Programs database and the 2019 MFA Index with representatives of each program (with the exception of cost of living, which was found at bestplaces.net). If these attempts were unsuccessful (as was the case with the full-residency programs at Chicago State University, College of Charleston, and Western Michigan University) the information was checked against the program's website as well as the 2018 MFA Index. ♦ This year the full-residency program at Northwestern University is accepting students only into its fiction and nonfiction tracks, and the full-residency program at the University of Wisconsin is accepting students only into its poetry track. ♦ The low-residency program at Drew University is listed as offering degrees in poetry and translation; the degree in translation is specifically poetry translation. ♦ The MFA programs at Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Missouri; Savannah College of Art and Design in Georgia; and the University of Texas in El Paso offer an online track in addition to a full-residency track. The MFA programs at Albertus Magnus College in New Haven, Connecticut, and Mount Saint Mary's University in Los Angeles also offer a fully online track in addition to a low-residency track. Other universities that offer online MFA degrees include Bay Path University in Longmeadow, Massachusetts; Concordia University in St. Paul; Emerson College in Boston; National University in San Diego; Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester; and the University of Arkansas in Monticello. ♦ The full-residency programs at Arcadia University, Northwestern University, and Wilkes University offer only dual MA–MFA degrees; students cannot pursue only an MFA degree. ♦ Many colleges and universities, some of which offer MFA degrees and are listed in the 2019 MFA Index, administer MA and/or PhD degrees in creative writing. The MFA Programs database at pw.org lists these programs. ♦ The MFA Programs database is updated by associate editor Dana Isokawa, senior web editor Jessica Kashiwabara, and assistant web editor Bonnie Chau.