

Writing is one of our primary jobs as scholars, but also one of the most difficult. It can be hard to find the time and support for writing at the Graduate Center or in our programs. But you're not alone. Here are some resources for connecting to the larger GC community and to groups advocating for more support for students.

1. Doctoral Students' Council

The DSC, as the sole policy-making body representing students in doctoral and master's programs at the Graduate Center, advocates for students on systemic issues as well as providing resources, community, and support. Come by our office in Room 5495 for snacks, coffee, and conversation!

DSC Point People: DSC Steering Officers push for the structural support that students need. Here are some useful contacts in the DSC. Bring us your issues, concerns, and ideas:

- Steering officers and their committees:
 - Officer for Student Life and Services, Carlos Camacho. services@cunydisc.org
 - Officer for Outreach, Saiful Saleem. outreach@cunydisc.org
 - Officer for Health and Wellness, Charlotte Thurston. wellness@cunydisc.org
- Co-chairs: The DSC has three co-chairs, who meet regularly with administrators to discuss student concerns and issues.
 - Co-chair for Student Affairs, Amy Martin. ccsa@cunydisc.org
 - Co-Chair for Business, Jennifer Prince. ccb@cunydisc.org
 - Co-Chair for Communications, Hamad Sindhi. ccc@cunydisc.org
- DSC Affiliates:
 - The Advocate: The *Advocate* serves as the newspaper for the students, staff, and faculty of the Graduate Center, CUNY. It is published six times per academic year and reaches thousands in the GC community as well as guests. We source most of our freelance contributors from the Graduate Center student body. If you are interested in writing for the *Advocate*, email: gcadvocate@gc.cuny.edu.

Other DSC Resources:

- Health and Wellness blog: opencuny.org/healthdsc. This website has information on various health issues and services, including resources for mental health and how to navigate NYSHIP insurance. Follow on Twitter as well for news and reminders: [@healthdscunyc](https://twitter.com/healthdscunyc)
- Yoga & Pilates Classes: Writing can be stressful! De-stress with some fitness classes, which are facilitated by the Doctoral Students' Council (DSC) and the Student Affairs office. Classes include Pilates, Hatha Yoga, and Yoga for Beginners. Information on classes is available from Student Affairs at (212) 817-7400, Room 7301, or studentaffairs@gc.cuny.edu.

2. Chartered organizations:

Chartered orgs, which are interdisciplinary, provide a forum for connecting with students in the GC community and a space for getting support and mentorship. Look up any groups that may interest you, and how to contact them, here: cunydisc.org/chartered-organizations. Here are some chartered orgs that focus on particular areas of study:

- Africa Research Group
- American Studies Area Group
- Association of Critical Theorists
- Cinema Studies Group
- CANES (Classical and Ancient Near Eastern Studies Group)
- Crypto-Math Group
- CUNY Public History Collective
- Dominican Studies Group
- Feminist Studies Group
- Immigration Working Group
- Space-Time Research Collective
- Postcolonial Studies Group
- Students of the State (SOS)

3. Other Support:

GC Child Learning & Development Center: The DSC contributes annual funds to the Child Learning & Development Center located on the 3rd floor. The center is open to preschool children of students enrolled in the Graduate Center. If you are interested in learning more about the program or would like to place your child on the center's waiting list, please contact the director, Linda Perrotta, at 212-817-7032.

Program-specific writing groups: Find out if there are any open writing groups in your own program, or create one yourself. The DSC can provide you with space (through room reservations, see: cunydisc.org/works) and free coffee (when available). Here are some program-specific writing groups which may be open (please contact for more info):

- Comparative Lit: Open writing group (contact: Ashna Ali; ashnaali@gmail.com)
- Anthropology: The 'Findings' Collective writes a column in *Anthropology Now*. (contact: Cecilia Salvi; ceciliamaria23@gmail.com)
- Hispanic and Luzo-Brazilian Literatures & Languages: Dissertation Support Group, no-credit course, open to ABD HLBLE students (please contact HLBLE APO)