

**MANDATORY DATES FOR**

**THE 2026 JUNIOR FACULTY WRITING AND CREATIVE WORKS SUMMER ACADEMY**

*DISCRETIONARY DATES FOR THE FACULTY SCHOLARS AND SCHOLAR COACHES ARE DESIGNATED WITH AN ASTERISK (\*)*

a. Pre-Retreat and Orientation Meeting (Meeting on Zoom)	Wednesday, May 13, 2026
b. Opening Retreat in Wintergreen, Virginia (In-person, overnight)	Tuesday, May 26, 2026 through Friday, May 29, 2026
c. Faculty Scholars meet with Scholar Coaches (Choice to be on Zoom, Teams, or in-person)	2 hours in June 2026 2 hours in July 2026 2 hours in August 2026
d. Scholar Coaches meet with Summer Academy Leadership Team (On Teams or on Zoom)	1 hour in June 2026 1 hour in July 2026 1 hour in August 2026
e. The Research Retreat	Tuesday, July 28, 2026 Wednesday, July 29, 2026 Thursday, July 30, 2026
f. Accountability Group Meetings (Group choice to be on Zoom, Teams, or in-person)	June, July, and August  Meet at least once every two weeks and submit a meeting report.
g. Brown Bags* (Typically 3 brown bags held during the summer) Could be on Teams, on Zoom or in-person	Dates TBA <b>*Attendance at 2 of the 3 brown bags is mandatory.</b>
h. Deadline for submission of summer work product to the Office of Faculty Development	Friday, August 28, 2026, 5:00 p.m.
i. Deadline for proof of submission of summer work product to the Office of Faculty Development	Friday, September 25, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

***Attendance at and/or adherence to this schedule of activities and deadlines is MANDATORY.***

**IMPORTANT NOTICE: Each Faculty Scholar and Scholar Coach will be expected to sign a contract committing to the Summer Academy's scheduled activities and deadlines.**