



Agreement on April 26, 2021, between the Executive Board of the Association for Writing Across the Curriculum, “AWAC”, and the WAC Clearinghouse, the “Clearinghouse.” This agreement formalizes a cooperative relationship between AWAC and the Clearinghouse in the areas of scholarly publication, development of resources for the writing across the curriculum (WAC) community, the International Writing Across the Curriculum Conference, and the WAC awards.

1. **Shared missions.** AWAC and the Clearinghouse agree that their missions align in areas including promotion of WAC as a proven approach for supporting student learning and success, dissemination of scholarly publications and resources for teachers and learners, support for research into WAC and writing instruction, and recognition of professional accomplishments related to WAC. The two organizations enter into this agreement to support their shared missions and to increase the amount of resources available to pursue their missions.
2. **Scholarly Publication**
 - A. **Coordinated Publishing Efforts.** The Clearinghouse and AWAC agree to cooperate in producing and distributing scholarly projects that align with their respective missions. This will include collaboration on the development of new, mutually agreed upon publication venues, including journals and book series, that can be made available through the WAC Clearinghouse.
 - B. **Official Journal Status.** The Clearinghouse and AWAC agree to identify the scholarly journal *Across the Disciplines* (<https://wac.colostate.edu/atd>) as the official journal of AWAC. AWAC will appoint two members to the journal’s Editorial Review Board (or designate two existing members as representatives of AWAC). The journal will identify itself as the official journal of AWAC, and the journal will provide a space for reporting on official business carried out by AWAC, such as soliciting nominations for elected positions, reporting the results of elections, and announcing upcoming events. The journal will be published by the Clearinghouse, and the Clearinghouse will retain rights to the journal and its archives. If another organization seeks to support the journal and to use it as an outlet for reports of its official business, the Clearinghouse and AWAC would each need to approve the request.
3. **Resources.** The Clearinghouse and AWAC agree to collaborate on the development of resources for the WAC community. Through this collaboration, AWAC and the Clearinghouse will avoid duplicating the resources offered on each site, reducing the effort required to publish and maintain the resources.
 - A. **Collaborative Efforts.** Efforts to enhance existing and develop new resources will involve collaboration between the Clearinghouse associate publishers for writing and teaching resources and various AWAC committees, including the AWAC Mentoring Committee.
 - B. **Location of Resources.** These resources are currently located on or linked from the WAC Clearinghouse site at <https://wac.colostate.edu/resources> and on various pages on the AWAC website. Some resources will be available only to members of AWAC and will be housed on the AWAC website. The resources page on the AWAC site will list and link to

resources on the Clearinghouse website, and the resources pages on the Clearinghouse website will list and link to the member-only resources available on the AWAC website.

- C. Branding and Credit.** The resource pages on each website will include a notice that the WAC resources are provided through a partnership between the WAC Clearinghouse and AWAC.
 - D. Maintenance of Resources.** The WAC Clearinghouse and AWAC will be responsible for vetting and maintaining the resources. The two organizations will work together to establish and periodically review vetting criteria; they will also work together to determine how best to maintain the resources.
- 4. International Writing Across the Curriculum Conference.** The International Writing Across the Curriculum Conference (IWAC), which is supported and managed by AWAC through its IWAC Committee, provides important opportunities for collaboration and mutual promotion.
- A. Sponsorship and Exhibiting.** The Clearinghouse will exhibit at IWAC, advertise in IWAC programs, and promote IWAC on its website. AWAC will identify without charge the Clearinghouse as a sponsor of the IWAC conference and include the Clearinghouse in any list of sponsors provided in IWAC materials, including the IWAC website. AWAC will not charge the Clearinghouse for exhibiting at the conference or advertising in its conference program.
 - B. Conference Archives.** The Clearinghouse provides an extensive set of archives for past IWAC conferences in its resource section. The Clearinghouse and AWAC agree that the Clearinghouse will house the archives for future IWAC conferences.
 - C. Conference Proceedings.** The Clearinghouse agrees to publish a peer-reviewed, edited collection solicited from presenters at each conference. Chapters in each collection will be selected by the editors from proposals solicited through an open call for submissions announced to presenters at the conference. Inclusion of the chapters in the collection will be subject to peer-review of the final manuscript. The Clearinghouse will manage the development of the volume, select the collection editors in consultation with the IWAC conference host(s) and AWAC's IWAC committee, and produce and publish it. The collection will be published in open-access digital formats on the Clearinghouse website, linked to from the current IWAC websites, and made available in print by the University Press of Colorado (or whatever publisher is the current print partner of the Clearinghouse). AWAC will provide support for publication of each volume in an amount determined in consultation with the Clearinghouse, the current conference host, and AWAC's IWAC committee. This cost will be built into the budget for each IWAC conference, allowing it to be covered by conference registration fees.
- 5. WAC Awards.**
- A.** The Clearinghouse and AWAC will jointly support awards for scholarly excellence and achievement in WAC. The awards will be presented at the IWAC conference. Awardees will be recognized with plaques, and their names will be listed on the Awards pages on the AWAC website. The Clearinghouse website will point to the awards page on the AWAC site, which will list past award recipients and provide access to selection processes and criteria. The process for soliciting nominations, choosing award winners, and announcing the awards is defined in a separate set of documents approved by the respective boards of the Clearinghouse and AWAC.
 - B.** Awards will be given for
 - Best WAC Monograph

- Best WAC Edited Collection
 - Best WAC Dissertation
 - Best WAC Article or Chapter Focused on Research
 - Best WAC Article or Chapter Focused on Pedagogy, Theory, or Practice
 - Early Career Contributions to the Field
 - Diversity and Inclusion
 - Distinguished Fellows
- C. Award committee chairs will be selected by the Publisher of the Clearinghouse and the Chair of AWAC. The Publisher and Chair are expected to solicit input on the choice of committee chairs from their respective editorial board and executive board members. At least one member of each of the award committees should be a member of the Clearinghouse editorial board.
- D. The awards will be announced at the IWAC conference, which is currently offered on a bi-annual basis. Should the conference move to a different schedule (such as annually), the awards will follow that schedule.
- E. Award letters will be co-signed by the Chair of AWAC and the Publisher of the Clearinghouse. The letter and award plaques will indicate that the awards are jointly sponsored by AWAC and the Clearinghouse.
- F. The cost of the award plaques will be split evenly between the Clearinghouse and AWAC. The IWAC conference host(s) will manage the creation of the plaques.
- G. The number and type of awards may be revised through mutual agreement of AWAC and the Clearinghouse.
6. **Sponsorship.** The Clearinghouse agrees to identify AWAC as one of its sponsors. At a minimum, this will include a link from the *Across the Disciplines*, About, and Support pages on the Clearinghouse website to the AWAC website. This sponsorship will be established without cost to AWAC.
7. **Mutual Promotion.** The Clearinghouse and AWAC agree to promote each other in a manner that benefits both organizations. This will include providing links from the Clearinghouse website to the AWAC main page as well as to resource pages on the AWAC site. It will also include links from the AWAC website to the Clearinghouse main page and to the main books, journals, database, and resource pages on the Clearinghouse website.
- Although the two organizations are distinct entities, language used to refer to the relationship between AWAC and the Clearinghouse will include:
- *AWAC is a sponsor of the WAC Clearinghouse.*
 - *The WAC Clearinghouse serves as the publishing partner for AWAC.*
 - *AWAC and the WAC Clearinghouse are partners supporting ...*
 - *The WAC Clearinghouse and AWAC work together to ...*
8. **Funding of Cooperative Projects.** At AWAC's discretion, it may provide funds to support publications, resources, databases, and other initiatives managed by the Clearinghouse.
9. **AWAC Member Discounts on Clearinghouse Print Publications.** The WAC Clearinghouse provides open-access publications for the WAC community and the larger field of writing

studies. These publications are available for free download on the Clearinghouse website. The Clearinghouse also provides access to many of its original publications in print format. AWAC members, including individual members, those who joined as the result of an institutional membership, and institutional members (e.g., a composition program, an academic department, or a library), are provided with a discount of 25 percent (and potentially more during conferences and special promotional periods) for books published by the Clearinghouse print partner (currently the University Press of Colorado).

10. **Avoidance of Competition.** The Clearinghouse agrees to avoid sponsoring a separate membership-based organization or constituting itself as a membership-based organization. Should the AWAC Executive Board seek to expand the scholarly publishing opportunities available to its members and to the larger WAC community, it will seek first to work in partnership with the Clearinghouse to expand those opportunities. The WAC Clearinghouse will have first right of refusal to serve as the publisher of new journals and book series from AWAC.
11. **Termination or Reassignment of This Agreement.** This agreement can be terminated by mutual consent of AWAC and the Clearinghouse, as determined by their respective executive and editorial boards. The intent to terminate or reassign this agreement will be made at least eighteen (18) months in advance of a proposed termination date.
12. **Changes, Assignments, Waivers.** This Agreement constitutes the complete understanding of the parties, and no waiver or modification of any provision shall be valid unless in a written addendum signed by the Chair of AWAC and the Publisher of the Clearinghouse and approved by the AWAC Executive Board and the Clearinghouse Editorial Board.
13. **Choice of Law.** This Agreement shall be construed and governed according to the Laws of the State of Colorado and shall be binding upon the parties hereto, their heirs and personal representatives, and permitted successors and assigns.


Signatures: Each party to this contract should sign below:



Stacey Sheriff, Chair, Association for Writing Across the Curriculum



Mike Palmquist, Publisher, The WAC Clearinghouse



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