

RESOURCES FOR POTENTIAL MFA APPLICANTS

MAGAZINES

These have ads for MFA programs listing their faculty and funding, and also often have articles about the application process. *Poets & Writers* puts together an annual special issue dedicated to MFA programs.

- Publishers Weekly: MFA Survey 2014—
<http://publishersweekly.com/pw/by-topic/authors/mfa/index.html>
- *Poets & Writers*: A brief overview of MFA Programs—
http://www.pw.org/content/mfa_programs
- *Poets & Writers*: 2012 MFA rankings—
http://www.pw.org/content/2012_mfa_rankings_the_top_fifty
- Association of Writers & Writing Programs' Guide to Writing Programs—
https://www.awpwriter.org/guide/guide_writing_programs
- New Pages | Graduate Writing Programs—
<http://www.newpages.com/writers-resources/all-graduate-writing-programs>

BOOKS

- *Poets & Writers' MFA Nation 2016 Compendium*—
http://www.pw.org/files/pw_mfanation2016.pdf
- *The Creative Writing MFA Handbook: A Guide for Prospective Graduate Students*—
<http://tinyurl.com/yb37jh6>

ARTICLES & BLOG POSTS

- Advice for MFA applicants, from Brown University's Brian Evenson—
<http://articles.latimes.com/2013/feb/13/entertainment/la-et-jc-advice-mfa-applicants-brian-evenson-brown-university-20130212>
- "So You Want to Apply to an MFA Program?" by Jerome Daly—
<http://longriverreview.com/blog/2014/so-you-want-to-apply-to-a-mfa-program/>
- "So You Want to Get an MFA?: An Open Letter to My Students" by Stephanie Vanderslice—
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/stephanie-vanderslice/so-you-want-to-get-an-mfa_b_1336168.html
- "Smart Conversations about MFA Programs" by Danielle Evans—
<http://daniellevaloreevans.com/2010/05/22/smart-conversations-about-mfa-programs/>

DISCUSSION BOARDS & BLOGS

- A blog started by students trying to get into MFA programs with helpful advice and lists of programs—
<http://creative-writing-mfa-handbook.blogspot.com/>
- *Poets & Writers* Speakeasy Message Boards—
<http://www.pw.org/speakeasy/gforum.cgi?forum=34>
- Facebook group for MFA applicants (perhaps the most active forum for information-sharing among applicants): <https://www.facebook.com/groups/181890205250745/> (or just search on Facebook for "MFA Draft '14")
- *Lit Bridge*: a site that includes interviews with students of various MFA programs—
<http://www.litbridge.com/writing-programs/interviews-with-graduate-programs/>
- *Affording the MFA*—
<https://affordingthemfa.wordpress.com/>