

# WRITER APPLICATION

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**WHICH SECTION ARE YOU APPLYING TO WRITE FOR? (CHECK ONLY ONE)**

- NEWS  
  OPINION  
  FOCUS (FEATURES)  
  LEISURE (LIFESTYLE)  
  HIATUS (ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT)  
  SPORTS

**PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR PREVIOUS JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS.**

INCLUDE ANY INVOLVEMENT IN PRINT PUBLICATIONS, FAMILIARITY WITH AP STYLE, AND SPECIFIC EXPERTISE IN YOUR INTENDED SECTION.

**WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN CONTRIBUTING TO THE GUARDIAN?**

**HOW MANY HOURS PER WEEK ARE YOU AVAILABLE TO WORK ON GUARDIAN ASSIGNMENTS?** \_\_\_\_\_

**I AM AVAILABLE TO COME IN TO PRODUCTION ON:**  
  SUNDAY  
  TUESDAY  
  WEDNESDAY  
  NONE

**WHICH ADDITIONAL PUBLICATIONS (PRINT AND ONLINE) DO YOU REGULARLY READ?**

**HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT THE GUARDIAN?**

- FLIER ON CAMPUS  
  TABLE ON LIBRARY WALK  
  READING THE GUARDIAN  
  PORT TRITON  
  OUR WEBSITE  
  WORD OF MOUTH  
 OTHER (PLEASE DESCRIBE) \_\_\_\_\_

**IN ADDITION, PLEASE ATTACH A WRITING TEST, CLIPS, AND/OR PORTFOLIO AS REQUIRED. (SEE PAGE 2-3)**

**BY SUBMITTING THIS APPLICATION, I ATTEST THAT I HAVE READ AND ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING:** *I understand that I must be a student currently enrolled at UC San Diego and pay UC registration fees for each quarter I work at the Guardian. I certify that answers given in this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I accept that the Guardian is an at-will employer, and that my employment is at the discretion of my editor and/or manager. I agree to abide by the rules set forth by the Guardian and UC San Diego, and that the work I do in the name and employ of the Guardian become property of the newspaper.*

# WRITING TESTS

## PART I: CRITIQUE

MUST BE COMPLETED BY ALL APPLICANTS.

Please critique the relevant section in a Guardian issue of your choice for content, style and readability. Indicate the publish date of the issue, as well as the specific articles being referred to.

## PART II: WRITING TEST

COMPLETE AND SUBMIT ONLY ONE TEST CORRESPONDING TO THE SECTION OF INTEREST MARKED ON PAGE 1.

**NEWS:** Use the information to formulate a concise news article (approximately 400 words) suitable for the front page. Remember to adhere to the guidelines of newswriting (pyramid structure, AP style, etc) as well as journalistic ethics.

- Professor Jim Lee resigned last week as chair of the visual arts department
- Professor Lee took a leave-of-absence from teaching last week
- Lee has been teaching at UCSD for 10 years
- Lee taught at Princeton for 5 years before his career at UCSD
- Jim has been accused of having a sexual relationship with a student, Devin Grayson
- Devin Grayson is a third-year graduate student in Lee's department
- Lee has been accused of using department funds for personal expenses
- Alleged misuse of funds include requests for reimbursements for phony travel expenses
- Last month, Lee filed a request to receive \$3,000 for expenses related to his trip to the annual convention of the American Society of Comic Books
- On one form, Lee said he said he attended the convention to complete research and get information for his book: All-Star Batman and Robin
- Lee was first accused of misconduct by Frank Miller, a student in a class taught by Lee
- Miller reported seeing Lee and Grayson passionately kissing on an Italian beach
- Miller was vacationing at the beach at the time, for winter break
- Miller also said that Lee had told class he would be at the American Society of Comic Books Convention that same day
- Miller recognized Grayson, who is a T.A. for one of his classes
- Miller reported his findings to Michael Turner, director of the Student Office of Human Relations
- Turner contacted the UCSD Police Department
- Police Chief James Gordon said the police department began investigations yesterday
- Currently, the department has found no other evidence of department fund misuse on Lee's part
- The linguistics department has a budget of \$50,000 for travel
- The A.S. Council passed a resolution yesterday that condemned Lee's actions, unanimously
- The resolution was proposed by A.S. President Alex Ross
- Chancellor Bruce Timm appointed an interim-department chair yesterday
- Timm is seeking another graduate student to take over Grayson's sections
- Grayson refused to comment
- Lee refused to comment, and deferred questions to his lawyer
- "The university takes all allegations of misconduct, financial or otherwise, very seriously and will carry out a full and impartial investigation of this matter." – Chancellor Bruce Timm
- "I was shocked to see them on the beach together. It was absolutely disgusting." – Frank Miller
- "Whether there was any embezzlement is irrelevant. It is completely inappropriate, unethical and illicit for a faculty member to carry on like that with a student." – Thurgood Marshall College Senior Senator Tim Drake
- "We're looking to figure out where this money went. We have turned up no evidence that Lee actually attended any convention or of any book he is supposedly writing." – Police Chief James Gordon

**OPINION:** Develop a persuasive argument about a topic of your choice. The subject can be anything from political to personal, but your submission should be relevant to UCSD undergraduates. A well-written piece will demonstrate an understanding of all sides of the issue and contain enough contextual information to be accessible to the average student. Use a tone and style appropriate for an editorial page; the article should be written as if it were to appear in the next issue of the Guardian.

**FOCUS:** Write a feature profile of a person or group of your choice (they can be real or imaginary). Feel free to make up the facts and quotes, but keep it realistic. For a model of this kind of writing, check out the New York Times magazine.

**LEISURE:** Write a review of a restaurant or bar in the San Diego area that you believe would be of interest to college students. You should describe the food or drinks you had, the price and other information you find important. For examples, check the New York Times Dining & Wine website.

# WRITING TESTS

**HIATUS:** Write a pointed review of any art or entertainment issue (i.e. film, album, art exhibit, play). You will determine the amount of information to include in the story and should write it as if it were to appear in the next issue of the Hiatus section.

**SPORTS:** Please write the first four to five paragraphs of a sports article based on the following information. You will determine the amount of information to include in the story, and should write the article as if it were to appear in the next issue of the Guardian.

A water polo game was played in Santa Cruz last night in the Aviation/aquatic Arena built by Luis Posada in 1967. UC Santa Cruz is currently ranked No. 1 in the conference and UCSD came into the game ranked 8th. UCSD beat UC Santa Cruz 12-7. UCSD will now move up to 3rd in the rankings.

The UCSD players arrived two hours before the game to warm up. They made sure to stretch extensively. "I don't want to get injured mid-season," Abed Abusalef said. "It would ruin my career."

The game started at 6:05 p.m. According to UCSD Head Coach Willy Jeffer, "The team came out to play. They had been preparing all week and were eager to overcome a tough Santa Cruz squad. The team is very excited about the prospect of moving up from its 8th ranking."

UCSD scored six times in the first three minutes of play. James Durante scored two of those goals, Abusalef scored one goal and Wally Wallerbacker scored the next three goals. The first goal came with only 12 seconds on the clock. "James was unstoppable during those first few minutes of play and Wally was just on fire. It was wonderful to watch," Coach Jeffers said.

The Banana Slugs' team captain Sidney Hurley scored twice after UCSD's run, making the score 6-2.

The second quarter began with Wallerbacker scoring two more goals. UC Santa Cruz center Eric Martin scored all of Santa Cruz's 3 third-quarter goals, he later scored two additional goals in the 4th quarter.

"We realized coming into the game that our first priority was stopping Martin

and Hurley. Unfortunately, that task ended up being a lot more difficult than we expected. Those guys are just awesome," said Wallerbacker.

Marco Post scored 2 goals for UCSD in the third quarter. "Marco has been practicing hard all season," said Coach Jeffers. "I think he's finally coming into his own."

James Durante scored two additional goals in the fourth quarter.

UCSD will face No. 2 ranked USC on Tuesday. "I think that after this win, our team is both mentally and physically prepared to take on the Trojans," Durante said. "We expect to win on Tuesday."

Abusalef was injured at the end of the first quarter with a pulled groin.

Score by quarters:	1	2	3	4	Total	Total goals UCSD:	
UC San Diego	6	2	2	2	12	Senior Abed Abusalef (captain)	1
UC Santa Cruz	2	3	2	0	7	Freshman Wally Wallerbacker	5
						Sophomore James Durante	4