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The Development of Writing Workshops to Enhance Students' Writing Skills

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Abstract:

The aim of this project is to develop, deliver, and evaluate a suite of writing workshops to enhance the writing skills and strategies of City University students. These writing workshops will be offered by the recently-established Writing Development Center (WDC) of the English Language Centre (ELC), and will support and extend the learning that occurs in two new courses taught by the ELC - English for Academic Purposes (EAP) and University English (GEEI). By offering students these workshops, we aim to:

improve students' writing strategies and boost their confidence in writing for academic purposes;

promote students' self-initiated learning;

provide a non-threatening, non-graded environment in which students can develop their writing skills;

encourage students to think about the genre, content, style and sentence structure of their papers in relation to their readers' expectations and needs;

encourage students to critically reflect on their writing and develop strategies for revising and improving their papers;

provide flexible instruction and experiment with various techniques and learning activities, thus responding more effectively to each student's particular problems.

Upon completion of this project, these workshops will be self-sustaining and will be run by the ELC in the coming years.