A Note to Applicants about our Admissions Practices

The University of Wyoming MFA program follows AWP’s [recommended timeframe for admissions](https://www.awpwriter.org/guide/directors_handbook_timeframe_for_admissions). We will not create deadlines that require candidates to accept or decline admissions offers prior to March 15th. We hope other programs won’t either.

Our university has an admissions office that will on occasion send out notices to UW applicants in general, including to MFA applicants, without our knowledge. But we’ll always have the most up-to-date information about your candidacy.

The following list of practices and principles may answer some of your questions about our process:

\*We will make all of our decisions, and notify all applicants of those decisions, by March 15th. We know the waiting is unpleasant, and we’ll move as quickly as possible. If you haven’t heard from us by March 15th, please feel free to contact us for an update.

\* If we’re in touch in the meantime, it’s to see if you have questions for us and to provide you with information relevant to your candidacy, not to pressure you to make an early decision.

\*We can’t answer specific questions about our decisions—the deliberations of our admissions committee are confidential.

\*All of our offers to full-time candidates are funded.

\*If you’ve been placed on our waitlist, you’ll receive personal notification from the program via email.

\*When we turn to our waitlist to fill a spot in the program, our choice of candidate from the waitlist will be conditioned by a variety of factors. Because of the nature of that process, we don’t conventionally rank our waitlists, so we can’t answer questions about ranking. Nor can we share other information about our waitlists, including the number of waitlisted candidates. We do promise to let someone know--if we can--when they’re our first alternate candidate in a given genre.

\*We know being waitlisted is stressful, and we promise to be in touch very quickly whenever we have information that substantially changes your status on the list.

\*If we’re not able to offer you a place in the program or on our waitlist, you’ll receive notification by letter; if you’re an international applicant, you’ll receive that notification by email instead.

\*We know that there are lively discussions online about the MFA admissions season, and we’re glad of it. But please check with us directly if you have questions about our process. We’re committed to keeping everyone informed in a timely and accurate fashion.