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Dear Writer:

I'm so happy to invite you to apply to **UCR's MFA Program in Creative Writing & Writing for the Performing Arts**. Our program boasts one of the largest MFA faculty in the country—award-winning writers of fiction, nonfiction, screenwriting, playwriting, and poetry. With twenty permanent faculty writers, our teaching and mentorship is as varied as it is intensive, with no one aesthetic favored over another.

At UCR, we value taking the financial burden off of writers so that they can study and write without, we hope, going into debt. We do not admit more students than we can fund in substantial ways via fellowships and stipends.

Our MFA Program is also distinct in its opportunities for **cross-genre study** in both seminars and workshops. There are hundreds of manifestations of how and why writers might want to study another genre, and we respect and support that. We recognize literary luminaries who have done the same and do not want to limit our students to the craft of one genre.

Come write in Riverside, where you will be supported artistically, financially, and communally. UCR, truly, is a place where everyone has a place:

- UCR is ranked as the 7th most diverse university in the nation (U.S. News & World Report)
- #2 university in the nation for contributing to the public good (Washington Monthly)
- #3 “best college for Hispanic students” (BestColleges.com)
- #3 university in the nation for community service participation (Washington Monthly)
- We are a “Top 10 Trans-Friendly” university indexed by Campus Pride

We are unabashedly proud of these rankings, and we want writers of talent and vision to join our diverse artistic community.

Come join us at UCR. You'll find us nestled by the Box Springs Mountains in orange grove country, where our writers are teeming with ideas, scenes, stanzas, plots, stage directions, and stories about their lives.

With every best wish,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katie Ford".

Katie Ford
Program Director & Professor of Creative Writing