

External Editing & Proofreading Resources for Doctoral Students

Overview

OAAR Writing Center Services

Graduate students have access to the same writing center services as any other student at Chatham. Students can make online or in-person appointments with the OAAR Writing Center via the [OAAR Scheduler](#). Writing center staff help students work on their writing skills, they do not proofread or provide copy editing services. Instead, students can work with writing center staff to improve their grammar, sentence structure, tone, argument, etc. Writing center appointments are typically one hour in length, and depending on the student's needs, can cover approximately 5-10 pages of writing. Students are limited to two hours of writing center appointments per week.

External Editors

In working with editors, students should use these resources only for editing and proofreading, not for the synthesis of ideas or the generation of new concepts. Having someone else write parts of the document is a form of plagiarism, and it puts the entire project at risk.

External Statisticians and Other Research Consultants

Research consultants' services should be used for tutoring of statistical concepts and reviewing data analysis strategies; these are not services for designing the research or interpreting the results. To have a successful oral presentation of the capstone, students need to be able to explain and defend every aspect of their work and to demonstrate an understanding of all concepts, synthesis, and analysis.

Caution and Support for Students

Unfortunately, a growing number of doctoral students hire editorial and statistical services from individuals and/or companies who make claims to deliver a product but fail to do so. In some cases, services performed by others may put students in a position that can jeopardize their status at the university. Chatham University will not be able to support or accommodate students who become victims of misleading or unscrupulous consultants. Students should apply the guidance provided here when considering an outside consultant.

Things to Consider

- Some editors and proofreading sites charge by the word. Others charge by the page or hour.
- **Most editors and services will charge more for faster turnaround times. Plan ahead to save money!**
- A per word or per page rate will cost the same regardless of how long it takes the editor to work on the document (quality of writing will not be a factor in cost). This might be a good choice if your writing needs major editing/proofreading.
- An hourly rate will result in a total cost that fluctuates based on the quality of writing submitted. This might be a good choice if your writing needs minor editing/proofreading.
- Be sure the service or editor you choose is versed in the correct citation format (APA, MLA, etc.).
- Information you'd want to know about a potential editor might include: number of years of editing experience, academic qualifications, prior professional experience, experience with doctoral level papers, experience in your subject area, average turnaround time, etc.

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IMPORTANT: Chatham University and OAR do not guarantee the quality or availability of resources for hire. This is not an exhaustive list. Students are welcome to research their own external resources.

Chatham MFA Alumni that Provide Fee-Based Editing Services. Contact editor for rates:

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Hannah Cloninger	(704) 813-3059	Hannah.highsmith.is@gmail.com
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Editing/Proofreading Services and Search Engines:

Name	Contact	Rates
Professional Editors Network	http://www.pensite.org/	Varies by editor
Editor World	https://www.editorworld.com/	Depends on time and word count. Average for 50 pages with 3-day turnaround: \$230
Craigslist: Local Writing/Editing/Translation Services page	Pittsburgh site: https://pittsburgh.craigslist.org/search/wet	Varies by editor
EditFast <i>Can search by location</i>	https://editfast.com/	Varies by editor
Cambridge Proofreading, LLC	https://proofreading.org/thesis-dissertation-editing/	Depends on time and word count. Average for a 50-page document with 3-day turnaround time is \$300
Gramlee	https://www.gramlee.com/dissertation-editing-services/	Varies based on paper quality, send paper for quote
Goetz Editing	https://www.goetzediting.com/	\$20/hour <i>bulk rates available for papers 15+ pages</i>