English, MFA

Admission

Applicants to the Iowa Writers' Workshop must meet the program's admission requirements as well as those of the Graduate College; see the Manual of Rules and Regulations on the Graduate College website.

A creative writing manuscript is the most important element of the application for admission to the workshop. Submissions for poetry should include 10–12 poems. Submissions for fiction should include two or three short stories, several sections of a novel, or a combination of those. Submissions are typically 30–80 double-spaced pages, and may not exceed 80 double-spaced pages.

Other application materials include a personal statement, official transcripts from all universities and colleges attended, the graduate application form, three letters of recommendation, an application for graduate awards, and an application to the Graduate College.

For detailed information on application materials and procedures, see How to Apply on the Iowa Writers' Workshop website.