

Dear PINEMAP Graduate Students:

To those of you who could attend yesterday's meeting, thanks for coming out. For those who could not make it and are still interested in participating in the spring 2013 grad student writing seminar, below is a brief summary of what we talked about as well as the next steps.

If you are interested in participating or if you have any questions or concerns, please email me at [lboby@sref.info](mailto:lboby@sref.info) or call me at 706.542.9022.

Thanks and I look forward to working with you!  
Leslie

### **Notes from Graduate Student Writing Group Meeting**

- Group will meet 1-2 times per month via Adobe Connect.
- Members will work on extension fact sheets based on their own research or on specific topics that AIM 6 suggests.
- Members can work individually or in groups.
- Meetings will be informal and will include different students presenting their ideas/work for informal discussion and feedback.

#### **Next Steps:**

- Meet in January-
  - Plan the dates of future meetings.
  - Discuss possible topics for factsheets and get feedback from AIM 6 members as to what kind of work we are looking for.
  - Review examples of "good extension fact sheets" and get some tips and guidance.
  - Discuss timeline for the semester.

### **More Information about the PINEMAP Graduate Student Writing Groups'**

#### **Goals:**

- Background of idea: students will have the opportunity to collaborate with other students and members of Aim 6 and learn skills related to communicating science to a non-academic, non-technical audience.
- Purpose:
  - Provide opportunity for PINEMAP graduate students to learn and practice skills related to writing for a non-technical audience.
  - Create factsheets and extension products for AIM 6
  - Create publications for graduate students
- Method/Process
  - Writing:
    - Students can work alone or in groups

- Write about your research or look into separate topic to write about
  - Throughout the spring semester (January-April), students will work on writing fact sheet drafts; we will meet in person at annual meeting (April 24-26) to review drafts and get input and feedback.
- Meetings:
- 1-2 per month
  - 2-3 students present each meeting
  - share ideas/outlines/drafts
  - practice communication of their subject
  - Get **feedback** from other students and members of AIM 6
  - Informal discussion

**Graduate Students that have expressed interest thus far:**

Jianxing Zhang

Adam Maggard

Hilary Cole (tentative)

Rachel Burnett (tentative)

Yuan Fang