fishladder is a student-run literary journal that annually publishes Grand Valley’s best work in Art, Photography, Fiction, Non-Fiction, and Poetry. Our mission is to give voice to the student body by providing a home for art created by the unique and diverse students in our campus community.

We are currently accepting applications for readers, assistant genre editors, and an assistant head editor. As a reader, you will review the submissions made in your genre and discuss which submissions should be published in this year’s edition of fishladder. As an assistant genre editor, you will plan and facilitate discussion in reader meetings for your genre with the head genre editor. If selected as an assistant genre editor and you find that you are interested in staying with fishladder, you will become the head genre editor of that genre the following year. As assistant head editor, you will help the editor-in-chief facilitate full staff meetings as well as take part in making sure the journal is fit for publication. Those who accept this position will become editor-in-chief the following year.

Application Deadline: Friday, October 5th in the Writing Department Office (LOH 326)
Additional copies of this application can be found in the Writing Department Office.

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Please indicate which role(s) you are interested in applying for. Feel free to check multiple boxes.

☐ I’m applying for the position of reader. I’m interested in considering submissions for one of the following genres, ranked by preference (1 – Most Preferred, 4 – Least Preferred):
   Poetry ________ Fiction ________ Non-Fiction ________ Art/Photography ________

☐ I’m applying for the position of assistant genre editor.

☐ I’m interested in the position of assistant head editor.

☐ I have additional skills that might be useful to fishladder (e.g. graphic design, layout, marketing, etc.). Please tell us about them:

Tell us about yourself:

Why do you want to be involved with fishladder? What qualities and experiences make you qualified?
What are a few of your favorite books, authors, or artists? What do you like about them, specifically concerning their content and style?

If you’re interested in an assistant genre and/or the assistant head editor position, tell us about any relevant leadership, organizational, or professional experience that you have, including any previous experience with fishladder.

Additionally, if you’re interested in an assistant genre and/or the assistant head editor position, please list the name and contact information of a reference:

Name: ___________________________ Contact information: ___________________________

fishladder is committed to providing a quality literary journal that represents a diverse student body. As part of the fishladder team, you’ll be called upon to attend periodic genre and general staff meetings, read and evaluate submissions carefully, and promote fishladder around campus. If you are selected as an editor, you’ll also be required to facilitate group discussions, organize communications and submissions among your genre group, and communicate with the assistant editor and editor-in-chief.

All positions require dedication, communication, and organizational skills. Please read the statement below, and check if you agree.

☐ I understand that fishladder is a full-year commitment. Should I become a member of this team, I understand that I will be expected to attend and/or facilitate meetings, spend time carefully considering submissions, participate in marketing efforts, and communicate in a timely fashion.

Name: ___________________________ Email: ___________________________