Relocation to a student-friendly location on the main floor of The Valley Library and the Studio’s extended hours of operation, which includes late evenings and Sundays, increased student access to writing support. Undergraduate use of the Studio increased 67.6% over the past academic year, from 4235 sessions in 2016-2017 to over 7098 sessions in 2017-2018.

The Studio supports international students, both prior to matriculation into OSU’s undergraduate curriculum and during their baccalaureate studies.

The Studio contributes to OSU STEM student success. More than half of the Studio sessions in 2017-2018 supported students from STEM colleges.

The Studio supports students in their pivotal first years at OSU. Over 64% of Studio users are first- and second-year students. Our 2013 retention study examined four first-year cohorts and concluded that WR 121 students who used the Writing Center during their first year were retained at higher rates than WR 121 students who did not (+7.62% on average over the four years).

The Studio supports vulnerable student populations. Underrepresented minorities, transfer students, and first generation students are regular users of the Studio.

The Studio’s new larger location in Valley Library makes it possible for faculty to bring entire classes to the Studio, where we provide one-to-one writing support for their students as they plan, draft, and revise their academic writing. We call these sessions “Collaboratories,” and they have replaced the 5-10 minute informational class visit from a Studio staff member. In 2017-2018, the Studio hosted 68 Collaboratory sessions, totaling 1360 student contacts.