

Introduction from the Editors

We are thrilled to present this special issue, **Access Necessarily Precedes Success: Multilingual Student Writers in Higher Education**, which focuses on how access remains a crucial factor for the academic achievement of multilingual student writers. This special issue also offers suggestions and recommendations for writing instructors and programs to enhance the access and inclusion of multilingual student writers.

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Open Words seeks to facilitate conversations about how different types of access, such as linguistic, cultural, and institutional, shape the experiences and outcomes of these multilingual students in higher education settings.

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