



2021
WESTERN AUSTRALIAN
PREMIER'S BOOK AWARDS

The Western Australian Writer's Fellowship

These awards are made available by the Western Australian Government and are managed by the State Library of Western Australia.

The Western Australian Writer's Fellowship (\$60,000)

The Fellowship is designed to assist a Western Australian writer, of any style or genre, to develop their writing practice and give them the time to create new work. The Fellowship is intended to support a writer within a one-year time period.

What you can apply for

You can apply the funds to a range of different activities over the Fellowship period. Some examples of the activities which may be funded include:

- the creation of new work
- research, development and experimentation
- residencies and travel

Note: 100% of the funding can be used as the writer's salary.

Guidelines, terms and conditions

Below are the general guidelines, terms and conditions for the Western Australian Writer's Fellowship. Please read these carefully before applying.

Closing date

1. The closing date for entries is **5pm (WST) Friday 21 January 2022**. The online [entry form](#) must be completed by this time and date. Entries received after this deadline will not be accepted.
2. The online entry form will be processed and returned to you by email with your entry number and an address label to post in five (5) copies of recent work.
3. Copies of work (5) must be received at the State Library no later than **5pm (WST) 28 January 2022**. Copies received after this date will not be accepted and the related entry will be void.
4. Confirmation that your works have arrived at the State Library will be acknowledged by email. Please allow seven (7) working days to receive this acknowledgment.
5. The State Library of Western Australia takes no responsibility for entries that are not received by the due date.

Entries

6. Only applications entered via the online entry form and submitted with five (5) original copies of a recent and relevant work will be considered for the Western Australian Writer's Fellowship. Books and other entered material will not be returned. All entered material will become the property of the State Library of Western Australia. The State Library reserves the right to add these works to the State Library's collections, give them to judges or donate them to charity.

7. Authors may submit applications in multiple categories but an author can only win one category per Awards cycle. If entering multiple categories, a separate entry form must be completed for each category and five (5) books must be provided per category eg two categories would need two (2) online entries and eight (8) books.
8. The Western Australian Premier's Book Awards are free to enter, however the cost of sending books or materials to the State Library must be covered by the applicant.

Eligibility

9. The Fellowship is open to applicants 18 years or older.
10. The applicant must be a substantive Western Australian resident for a minimum of 12 months prior to the closing date of nominations.
11. The Fellowship is awarded to an individual writer only.
12. Writers of most styles or genres are eligible to apply. This includes scriptwriters, playwrights and poets but not educational or technical writers.
13. Applicants must be practicing writers at any stage of their career and must be able to provide evidence of their practice and achievement. This does not necessarily mean engaged in full-time work as writers, since many writers hold employment in other areas to sustain their career.
14. Applicants may be working as academics, but are only eligible if the application is clearly for a creative project and not linked to their study or teaching practice.
15. Applicants developing work specifically as curriculum material are not eligible.
16. Applicants may be working on a PhD or Masters project. However, the Fellowship project should not form part of any postgraduate assessment/work.
17. All works entered must be written in the English language, or have parallel English text.
18. Permanent full time employees and Board Members of the State Library of Western Australia and permanent full time employees of the State Records Office (SRO) are not eligible to apply.
19. The judges and the State Library may request supporting documentation in relation to any or all of the above eligibility criteria.
20. The decision upon the eligibility of an entry is final.

Prize money

21. Prize money of \$60,000 may be awarded to the Western Australian Writer's Fellowship.
22. Prize monies will be paid to the individual in whose name the award has been entered, according to the contact details on the online entry form.
23. If the recipient of the Western Australian Writer's Fellowship has passed away the money will be reallocated.
24. Winners should seek independent advice regarding the tax implications of any prize.

Judging

25. The judges are not required to make an award if they do not consider the nominated proposals to be of sufficient merit.
26. The decision of the judges will be final and no discussion or correspondence will be entered into concerning their decisions.
27. The judging process must be free from any interference to allow for a transparent judging process. Any author, publisher, literary agent or lobbyist who attempts to undertake discussions or corresponds with a judge of these awards in relation to an entry or entries may be disqualified.
28. Due to the number of entries, feedback will not be available.

Winning and shortlisted entries

29. A shortlist will be announced via the State Library's social media channels and then published on the State Library of Western Australia's website. Publishers and authors will then be notified by email if their entry has been shortlisted.
30. The winners will be announced late June 2022. Nominees should be available for media, functions and public engagements. Winning entries and judges' comments will be posted on the State Library of Western Australia's website.
31. The State Library of Western Australia expects the winner of the Western Australian Writer's Fellowship will be available from time to time to undertake media interviews and to promote these awards. For this reason, the prize recipient should be prepared to undertake a small number of public appearances, media interviews (face to face or via electronic means), photographs or personal appearances at functions promoting these awards up to and including the next year the awards are presented.
32. The winner is expected to report (acquit) on the final outcomes.

Confidentiality

33. With the exception of personal information on the entry form, the management of the awards gives no undertaking to keep confidential any information provided with the entries.

Other

34. Breach of any guidelines, terms and conditions will render an entry invalid.
35. Authors will retain copyright and moral rights in any works created in accordance with the Fellowship. The Western Australian Government and State Library of Western Australia will not reproduce the works without permission from the author, except for uses permitted by The Copyright Act 1968.
36. The Western Australian Government may change the guidelines, terms and conditions or vary the awards process at any time either before or after the closing date of entries. No claim or entitlement for compensation for loss can be made for any matter relating to the Western Australian Premier's Book Awards, including but not limited to a failure of the organisers or the State Government to comply with the guidelines, terms and conditions. In the case of major changes that effect the entry or outcome, all entrants will be notified via email.

Entry materials required

All uploaded application materials must be saved as a PDF (2MB maximum) plus labelled and footnoted with your name and application material type eg Joanne Smith CV.

1. [Online entry form](#).
2. A detailed CV including a list of any published works (max 3 pages).
3. Five (5) copies of a work or book, most relevant to your proposal. If not in book form then 5 bound/collated/stapled copies of your script, screenplay, manuscript, poetry, short stories or articles etc. Copies of works must be received no later than **5pm (WST) 28 January 2022**. Copies received after this date will not be accepted and the related entry will be void. Your application number and a mailing label will be emailed to you once the entry form is completed.
4. A portfolio of writing of no more than 40 pages. This portfolio must not include samples from point 3 (above).
5. A statement clearly outlining your plan for the Fellowship including what you hope to achieve within the timeframe, realistic outcomes, potential impact and benefit on your writing career, motivations, literary plans and proposed budget (max 3 pages).
6. Letter/s of support by a fellow writer, publishing company, organisation or peer. Only one letter is required but you can include up to three (3) letters of support or reference, with each letter not exceeding one A4 page. These are letters of support attesting to your writing not a guarantee or possibility of publishing the work or book.

Assessment criteria

Judges will assess applicants against three pillars: Outstanding Professional Achievement, Viability and Impact.

Judges may consider a number of factors including:

- The quality, creativity and/or potential of your work.
- Your track record as a writer.
- Support documentation that attests to the strength and creativity of previous written work.
- Strength of the application materials. Well written with clear aims and objectives including detailed timeline and budget, if applicable. Viability of your proposal – the objectives and activities are clearly defined, realistic and contain achievable outcomes.
- How the proposed activity strengthens your writing practice.
- How the Fellowship may impact on and further your development and career.
- Proposed work or a project will be of interest to the target audience.
- How the proposed activity will be documented, presented and shared.
- Where proposals involve working with diverse audiences or communities, judges will look for demonstrated cultural competencies and appropriateness.

Working with children

If your activity directly involves children, or if you and/or key personnel in the activity will be responsible for, or supervising children, you must confirm your understanding and compliance with current legislative requirements related to working with children. Refer to the Working with Children Check [website](#), for more information. The Working with Children (Criminal Record Checking) Act 2004 makes it compulsory for many people in child-related work to apply for a Working with Children Check.

The State Library of Western Australia reserves the right to require any applicant to provide relevant clearances as a pre-condition of funding. A person is in child-related work if their usual duties of work involve, or are likely to involve:

- contact with a child (a child is a person under the age of 18 years); and
- that contact is in connection with at least one of the 19 categories of child-related work listed under the Act; and
- no exemptions apply.

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The closing date for entries is:

21 January 2022 5:00pm (WST)

Information about the Premier's Book Awards and the online entry form can be found at:

slwa.info/wapba2021

