

Writing NSW Grants

2018 guidelines, terms & conditions

Writing NSW Early Career Writer Grants

Early Career Writer Grants are awarded by Writing NSW (formerly NSW Writers' Centre) to assist early career creative writers in any genre who are resident in NSW. The aim of the grants is to foster a vibrant, diverse and innovative writing culture in the state.

Early career writers may apply for a grant of \$5000 to help support their writing. At least one grant will be awarded to a writer from regional NSW, provided an application is received that meets all of the grant criteria.

Activities to be funded by the grant may include:

- Creation of new work
- Professional development or mentoring
- Cultural exchanges or other travel that will assist in the production or presentation of new work
- Audience development activities conducted by the writer (but not for payment of marketing professionals)

Access costs for regional writers or for writers with disability may be included in the application.

Funding available: up to 4 grants of \$5000 each

Closing date: 26 August 2018

Project period: 1 February 2019 to 31 December 2019

How to apply

Applications must be submitted online through the Smarty Grants system by midnight on the closing date. Applicants will be notified of the outcome by email approximately 12 weeks after the closing date.

Selection criteria

- Quality of the application and capacity of the applicant to deliver it
- Quality of the submitted writing sample
- Contribution the funding will make to development of the writer's career
- Contribution the funding will make to a vibrant, diverse and innovative writing culture in NSW
- All other considerations being equal, Writing NSW members will be given priority

Supporting Material

Applicants will need to provide the following documentation with their application:

- A sample of their writing of up to 10 pages, double spaced, submitted as a PDF (where the application includes funding for production of new work, this MUST be an extract from the work covered by the application);
- A brief CV of no more than two pages covering their writing-related experience, submitted as a PDF;
- Optional: up to two letters of support, submitted as a single PDF of no more than 4 pages total. Letters of support will be accepted from individuals or organisations in the writing sector who are familiar with the applicant's work.

Who can apply

- Applicants must be early career writers who have had no more than two full-length works professionally published or performed;
- Full-length works include: collections of the author's work (poetry, short fiction, essays), verse works of more than 100 pages, book-length works of fiction or non-fiction (including children's books), and scripts and screenplays more than 1 hour in length;
- Writers who have not yet had a full-length work published or performed will be eligible to apply provided they have had two short works in the relevant genre professionally published or performed;
- Self-published writers are eligible to apply provided they can demonstrate a professional approach to the publication and distribution of their work;

- Funding is not available to support short works of journalism, but writers working on long-form essays or book-length works of creative non-fiction may apply;
- Applicants must be an Australian citizen or have permanent resident status in Australia AND have been a resident in NSW for at least 12 months preceding the application date;
- Applicants must be aged 18 or over;
- Applicants must not have previously been funded by Create NSW (formerly Arts NSW) for the same activity or have a current application pending with Create NSW;
- Applicants must not have previously received a grant of \$5000 or more for their writing from either State, Territory or Federal governments or their agencies and must not have a current application pending with any of these funding bodies;
- Applications cannot be for work related to a university or other qualification;
- Late or incomplete applications will not be assessed;
- Grants cannot be retrospective: funds are only provided to undertake projects or activities that are within the specified project period;
- At least one Early Career Writer Grant each year will be awarded to a writer resident in regional NSW (as defined by Create NSW), provided an application is received that in the opinion of the selection panel meets all grant criteria, including that of fostering a vibrant, diverse and innovative writing culture in the state.

Assessment process

Applications will be assessed by a panel appointed by Writing NSW. Assessors' decisions are final and will not be reviewed. Individual feedback cannot be provided.

Successful Applicant Requirements

Payment

Writing NSW will contact successful applicants to request a Tax Invoice for the grant amount. The grant amount does not include GST. If you are registered for GST, please add this amount to your invoice. Successful applicants who do not have an ABN will be required to complete a Statement by Supplier.

Payment will be made by direct transfer to the applicant's nominated bank account.

Acknowledgment

Successful grant applicants must include the following acknowledgment on all resulting published works and promotional material, whether in print or digital:

This project is supported by a Writing NSW Grant, under a devolved funding program run by Writing NSW on behalf of the NSW Government and Create NSW.

Acquittal

Successful applicants must submit a completed acquittal report through Smarty Grants within four weeks of completion of the project.

Use of grant funds

Grant funds must be used as detailed in the application unless prior written permission to vary the terms of the grant is obtained from Writing NSW.

Reproduction of work

By accepting a grant, successful applicants give permission for information from their application and acquittal, including from their sample of work, to be reproduced in print or digital forms by Writing NSW and/or Create NSW.

