



Maria Pallotta-Chiarolli Fellowship for Writers Guidelines

Applications open 17th July 2023 and close 5pm AWST 11th September 2023

Overview

The Maria Pallotta-Chiarolli Fellowship for Writers has been made possible through the generosity of private donors Baden Offord, John Ryan, Christopher Macfarlane and Centre for Stories' founders John and Caroline Wood. The fellowship is open to mid-career writers under the age of 40.

Dr Maria Pallotta-Chiarolli embodies intersectionality and is a nationally and internationally recognised leader, thinker, author, community advocate and researcher in this domain. This fellowship honours her work and enables people to be empowered by intersectional thinking and creativity.

The fellowship will be awarded to someone in recognition of their literary achievements and commitment to humanity demonstrated through their active participation and engagement in social justice issues.

The purpose of the fellowship is to provide an Australian writer with time to work on a current manuscript.

Eligibility

Open to writers under the age of 40.

Applicants must identify as belonging to one of the following groups:

- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- LGBTQIA+
- Living with a disability
- Culturally and linguistically diverse.

Applicants must have at least one, and no more than three, trade published book/s of fiction, creative non-fiction or poetry. Works of translation will be accepted. Self-published books are not acceptable.

Applicants must be a permanent resident or Australian citizen.

Applicants must be working on an unpublished manuscript.

Applicants currently enrolled in an undergraduate or postgraduate university course are not eligible.

Duration

The fellowship will take place over any three-month period prior to June 2024

Location

Centre for Stories

100 Aberdeen Street, Northbridge, Western Australia 6003.

Funding

The recipient of this fellowship will be awarded \$13,500 AUD.

A return economy airfare from within Australia will be provided if the recipient resides interstate or in regional WA.

Other Benefits

A workspace at the Centre for Stories.

Access and use of the Centre for Stories' library.

Access to Centre for Stories' workshops (including oral storytelling training), book clubs and other events.

Timeline

Applications open 17 July 2023 and close at 5pm AWST on 11 September 2023. The winner will be contacted by email on 11th October 2022.

Applications

Please complete an application form through Centre for Stories' website. This form requires you to provide contact details, website and social media handles, information regarding your commitment to social justice, how you plan to use the fellowship, and proposed dates for taking up the fellowship.

You are required to submit the following support material:

1. Reviews of your work (max. 3 pages)
2. Curriculum Vitae that outlines your literary history for the last five years, including journal publications and talks (max. 2 pages)
3. Two letters of support which speak to your literary achievements and commitment to social justice (max. 1 page per letter)
4. Samples of new and unpublished work (max. 10 pages).

Applications must be submitted online and cannot be changed once submitted.

Accessibility

Centre for Stories is committed to supporting people with disability to access writing and storytelling opportunities. Centre for Stories is housed in a wheelchair accessible building with a gender-neutral ambulant toilet.

If you have questions about the application process or fellowship to suit your access needs, please get in touch with Caroline Wood: caroline@centreforstories.com

Assessment of applications

You will receive an automated response to your submission. If your application meets all the criteria it will be marked for assessment. If it does not, it will be marked as ineligible.

Assessment Criteria

The panel of three judges will assess your application based on the following criteria:

- High level of literary achievement as evidenced by CV, published work and intended work
- Past history and level of commitment to social justice issues.

Assessment Process

Each application will be assessed based on the above criteria. The panel may request further information. Shortlisted candidates may be required to attend an interview in-person or through Zoom.

After deliberating, the assessment panel will recommend the recipient of the fellowship to the CEO of the Centre for Stories.

The successful recipient will be notified via email.

The assessment panel is not required to select a recipient if they do not consider any applications to be of sufficient merit.

Funding Conditions

The successful applicant will be required to:

- Publicly present the outcome of their fellowship (e.g. a workshop, an in-conversation event, a blog, an interview)
- Be available for any press interviews
- Attend one event with Centre for Stories' donors
- Consent to Centre for Stories using headshots, bios and other relevant materials for marketing and promotional purposes
- Provide a one-page summary of what has been achieved at the end of the fellowship
- Acknowledge Centre for Stories and the Maria Pallotta-Chiarolli Fellowship for Writers in any publications resulting from this fellowship.
- If for any reason the applicant is unable to take up the offer or withdraw without completing the fellowship, the applicant will be required to reimburse any funds received or expenses incurred.

Administration and Payments

The recipient will be required to sign an agreement acknowledging and agreeing to the above requirements and conditions of the fellowship.

The recipient will be required to supply an ABN if they have one.

Payment will be made electronically using provided details.

If the recipient is registered for GST, they will need to complete and sign a recipient-created tax invoice.

Privacy

Centre for Stories complies with the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998. Centre for Stories collects the minimum personal information necessary to contact an applicant and to assess the merits of an application. Applicants must ensure that people whose personal details are included in their application (e.g. letters of support, referees) are aware that this information will be supplied to the Centre for Stories.

Information and Enquiries

Please get in touch with any questions.

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Guidelines and application form can be found at:

<https://centreforstories.com/writing-programs/mpc23/>