

University of Tasmania Prize - 2027

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The [University of Tasmania Prize](#) is for the best new unpublished literary work by a Tasmanian writer.

The winner will receive \$10,000. This prize is generously supported by the [University of Tasmania](#).

Entries open on 6 July 2026 and close 17 August 2026.

The Tasmanian Literary Awards are administered by [Creative Tasmania](#) on behalf of the [Tasmanian Government](#).

Eligibility

The author(s)

- The entered work must have no more than two authors. Where a work is co-created with an artist (for example, an illustrated children's book, graphic novel or photography book), the artist is deemed to be an "author" for the purpose of these terms. This means that Creative Tasmania will pay the artist an equal share of the prize award for this category (unless the author and the artist inform Creative Tasmania in writing that they have agreed to a different share), the artist may meet the Tasmanian residency requirements, and that the artist may submit the entry to the awards.
- The author, or one of the two authors, must be resident in Tasmania. This means that the author must have lived in Tasmania for six of the past 12 months as at the date of entry into the awards.
- The author, or one of the two authors, must be living as at the date of entry into the awards.

The literary work

- The entry must be a complete work in the form of any of the following:
 - a novel;
 - a graphic novel;
 - a playscript;
 - a screenplay (comprising one individual script, which may be a feature, an episode of a series, or a short-form series of episodes less than 15 minutes totalling no more than one hour);
 - a work for children or young people;
 - a work of literary non-fiction; or
 - a collection of short stories, literary essays or poems.
- The entered work:
 - must be unpublished and must not be under a contract for publication at the time of entry. In the case of:
 - a collection (such as a collection of poems, short stories or essays), the individual works may have been previously published.
 - for a playscript or screenplay, 'unpublished' means the work must not have been produced for stage or screen.

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- - must be in English. A work is still 'in English' if words, sentences or short sections of another language are used.
 - if it incorporates or uses any Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property (ICIP), must have complied with clause 14.3 in the [terms and conditions](#) in its creation; and
 - must be the author or authors' own original work. This means that (amongst other things):
 - the work has not been ghost written by another author; and
 - the work must not be generated by artificial intelligence (AI). To assist judges with their determination of originality and eligibility, entrants must acknowledge where AI has been used in the production of the work (for example formatting or editing assistance).
- An author may have only one work entered into the University of Tasmania Prize. An entrant to the University of Tasmania Prize may also enter works in other prize categories.
- Works previously submitted to this prize are not eligible for entry, regardless of whether they were shortlisted or awarded.
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Entry requirements

- An entry must be submitted through the digital entry form on the Tasmanian Literary Awards website on or before 17 August 2026. Late entries will not be accepted.
- The entry must be submitted by completing the information required by the digital entry form and submitting a copy of the entered work. The entered work must:
 - be edited, proofread, typed and double-spaced;
 - be in PDF or Microsoft Word format; and
 - not contain the author's or authors' name in the entered work or in the name of the digital file submitted.
- Creative Tasmania will send the entrant confirmation of entry.
- An entry for the University of Tasmania Prize must be submitted by the author. It may not be submitted by an agent or publisher on behalf of an author or authors.
- Where the work has more than one author:
 - Creative Tasmania will pay the authors in equal shares, unless the authors inform Creative Tasmania in writing that they have agreed to a different share; and
 - the author who is submitting the entry must have the permission of the other author (or their estate) to enter the work in these awards. The entering author is responsible for ensuring that Creative Tasmania can be provided the Additional Materials and that the entering author can give the licence and warranties in relation to the use of those materials under clause 11.

Entry details

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* indicates a required field

Writer *

Title	First Name	Last Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Legal name *

Title	First Name	Last Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Street address *

Address

Postal address *

Address

Email *

Phone number *

The work

Title *

Short title (if applicable)

What type of writing does your sample represent? *

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Please attach your work below.

The work must:

- be edited, proof-red, type and double-spaced;
- be in PDF or Microsoft Word format; and
- not contain the authors or authors name in the entered work or in the name of the digital file submitted.

Does the work have more than one author, or an illustrator, photographer or other contributor? *

- Yes
 No

Other contributor details

Name *

Title	First Name	Last Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Street address *

Address

<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>

Postal address *

Address

<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>

Email *

Must be an email address.

Phone number *

Certification

* indicates a required field

Terms and conditions

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Please ensure that you have read all [terms and conditions](#) for the Tasmanian Literary Awards.

Any breach of the terms and conditions by an entrant may render an entry invalid.

I confirm that I have read and understood all terms and conditions for the Tasmanian Literary Awards: *

I agree to all of the Tasmanian Literary Award terms and conditions: *

AI disclosure

The work must not be generated by artificial intelligence (AI). To assist judges with their determination of originality and eligibility, entrants must acknowledge where AI has been used in the production of the work (for example formatting or editing assistance).

Have you used AI in the production of this work? If yes, please specify how (e.g. formatting, editing). *

Yes

No

Please specify how you have used AI in the production of this work (e.g. formatting, editing). *

Determinations of eligibility

Creative Tasmania staff will review and determine the eligibility of all entries before they are provided to judges. If any issue in relation to eligibility is raised during the judging process, the judges will refer this issue to Creative Tasmania for determination.

Creative Tasmania may request supporting documentation or information from entrants to support decisions on eligibility. If the information or documentation is not provided within the timeframe set, this may render an entry invalid. Creative Tasmania must provide a reasonable time to provide the supporting documentation or information.

Decisions of Creative Tasmania on eligibility are final.

Judging process

The judges may shortlist up to four writers. The judges may request that shortlisted writers submit a larger writing sample to be judged.

Right to information

Information you provide to the department and details of assistance may be subject to requests for public disclosure under the [Right to Information Act 2009](#).

Personal information collection

You are providing personal information to the department, which will manage that information in accordance with the [Personal Information Protection Act 2004](#).

The personal information collected here will be used by the department for the purpose of assessing the eligibility of your entry. Failure to provide this information may result in your entry not being assessed or records not being properly maintained. The department may also use the information for related purposes, or disclose it to third parties in circumstances allowed for by law. You have the right to access your personal information by request to the department and you may be charged a fee for this service.

I confirm that I have read and understood the information provided on right to information and personal information collection, and accept the terms: *

Certification

I certify that all details in this entry form are correct: *

Press the 'Next Page' button to review your entry.

Once your entry is complete and you do not wish to make any further changes press 'Submit'.

You will receive a confirmation email which lets you know we have received your entry. If you do not immediately receive this email please [contact us](#).

You can print or download a copy of your entry after it has been submitted.