

# AIC Creative Grants



## 2 x \$10,000 Creative Grants on offer for First Nations storytellers, writers, illustrators and artists.

Magabala Books are proud to partner with Australian Indigenous Coffee (AIC) to launch the inaugural AIC Creative Grants. These grants, worth \$10,000 each, are intended to provide valuable time for storytellers, writers, illustrators and artists to work on a current manuscript or illustration portfolio.

The grant is open to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander storytellers and writers working in any genre, this could include junior, young adult and adult fiction, non-fiction, poetry, memoir, children's picture book and graphic novels. The grant is also open to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists and illustrators working in any medium.

You must be able to outline how you would benefit from this grant and what the publication intentions are for your work. If a publishable work is produced as a result of the grant, Magabala Books reserves the first right of refusal to publish the work.

Applicants will be asked to provide:

- (a) an entry form;
- (b) confirmation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander identity;
- (c) no more than **500 words** explaining how this grant of money would benefit you;

If you are applying as a storyteller or writer please also submit:

- (a) a writing sample;
- (b) plot summary – no more than **250 words**.

If you are applying as an illustrator or artist please also submit:

- (a) artwork and illustration samples;
- (b) publication summary (i.e. the type of book you would like to illustrate) – no more than **250 words**.

Closing date: midnight, AWST, **Monday 31 October 2022**

**Please contact:** Kate Rendell or Lauren Newton: [projects@magabala.com](mailto:projects@magabala.com) or call Magabala Books on 08 9192 1991 with any queries or to discuss your application.

## Terms and Conditions

1. Magabala Books Aboriginal Corporation will award an amount of AU\$10,000 to 2 x Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander storytellers, writers, illustrators or artists, who would benefit from a grant of money to allow unrestricted time to complete a manuscript or illustration portfolio.
2. Applications will be assessed by Magabala Books, subject to approval by the Magabala Books Board.

### Eligibility for Entry

3. To be considered for the grant, you must:
  - (a) be an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person, currently residing in Australia;
  - (b) be aged 18 years or over;
  - (c) be working on an unpublished manuscript or portfolio of illustrations; and
  - (d) be able to outline how you would benefit from this grant.
4. Eligible manuscripts may be in English, Aboriginal English, an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander language, or a combination of these, including a bilingual text.
5. Eligible artwork may be in any medium but must be scanned or photographed copies, please do not submit original work, as these will not be returned.
6. The grant is open to manuscripts of junior, young adult and adult fiction, non-fiction, poetry, memoir, children's picture books, graphic novels and we welcome illustrations for any genre.
7. Board members and employees of Magabala Books are ineligible to apply.

## The Grant

The winners of the grant will receive an amount of AU\$10,000, paid in a lump sum, to afford them time to complete their manuscript or work towards an illustration portfolio.

The winner of the grant agrees to

- Confirm your Aboriginality and/or Torres Strait Islander identity as required;
- Provide a bio and recent photo suitable for publicity purposes;
- Provide regular updates to Magabala Books regarding the progress and outcomes of the grant;
- At the conclusion of the grant after 12 months, provide a complete or partially complete manuscript or illustration portfolio to the Publisher of Magabala;
- If a publishable work is produced as a result of the grant, Magabala Books reserves the first right of refusal to publish the work.

## Key Dates

Applications for the Fellowship **close at midnight, AWST, on Monday 31 October 2022.**

Late applications will not be eligible for consideration.

The winner of the grant will be announced late November 2022. The winner's name will be published on the Magabala Books website and social media.

### Apply Now

Please complete this entry form and attach three documents:

- (a) no more than **500 words** explaining how this grant of money would benefit you;
- (b) a short outline of the plot of your manuscript or illustration summary, no more than **250 words**; and
- (c) a sample of your manuscript or artwork.

Email to: [projects@magabala.com](mailto:projects@magabala.com)

## Grant Entry Form

### Applicant Details

Full name:

Address:

Email:

Phone Number:

Please attach the following:  Confirmation of Aboriginality/ Torres Strait Islander identity.

### Previous Publication

Have you been published previously?

Yes  No

Please provide details of publications.

### How did you find out about the Grant?

Please specify \_\_\_\_\_

e.g. Facebook, website (which one?), word of mouth, social media (where?), radio or newspaper.

I hereby declare that all the details provided on this form are true. All the information submitted for the Magabala Books grant is my own original work and does not infringe on any right(s) of other people. I identify as Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander/Indigenous Australian and have provided the appropriate confirmation. The text provided has not been published previously and is not currently on offer to any other publishers or awards. I have read and understood the Terms and Conditions and understand that applications that do not meet the Eligibility for Entry will not be assessed.

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_