

Magabala Books Fellowship



Magabala Fellowship for mid-career authors: AU\$10,000

Thanks to the generosity of the Serp Hills Foundation, we are delighted to announce the launch of the Magabala Fellowship. This opportunity worth \$10,000, is intended to provide valuable time for a mid-career author to work on a current manuscript.

The Fellowship is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander storytellers and writers of junior, YA and adult fiction, non-fiction, poetry, and memoir (please note children's picture book manuscripts are ineligible). **To enter you must have previously published at least one book.** This can be in any genre or category, but it must have been traditionally published. Self-published works are excluded.

You must have a manuscript underway and be able to outline how you would benefit from this fellowship. If a publishable work is produced as a result of the fellowship, Magabala Books reserves the first right of refusal to publish the work.

**Please note, illustrators are not eligible to apply for this Fellowship. It is our intention to establish a separate Illustration Fellowship in 2021, with details to be confirmed.*

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;
- (d) a short outline of the plot of your Manuscript of no more than **250 words**; and
- (e) a sample of your Manuscript.

Terms and Conditions

1. Magabala Books (ABN 56 764 219 082) will award an amount of AU\$10,000 to an established Aboriginal and/ or Torres Strait Islander author, who has already published a minimum of one book and would benefit from a grant of money to allow unrestricted time to complete a manuscript they are currently working on.
2. Applications will be assessed by Magabala Books, subject to approval by the Magabala Books Board.

Eligibility for Entry

3. The purpose of the Fellowship is to provide an Indigenous author with time to work on a current manuscript.
4. To be considered for the Fellowship, you must:
 - (a) be an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person, currently residing in Australia;
 - (b) be aged 18 years or over;
 - (c) have published a minimum of one trade published book (self published works do not fit this criteria);
 - (d) be working on an unpublished manuscript; and
 - (e) be able to outline how you would benefit from this fellowship.
5. Eligible manuscripts may be in English, Aboriginal English, an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander language, or a combination of these, including a bilingual text.
6. The Fellowship is open to writers of junior, YA and adult fiction, non-fiction, poetry and memoir.
7. Board members and employees of Magabala Books are ineligible to apply for this Fellowship.

The Fellowship

8. The winner of the Fellowship will receive an amount of AU\$10,000, paid in a lump sum, to afford them time to complete their Manuscript.
9. The winner of the Fellowship agrees to
 - Confirm your Aboriginality and/or Torres Strait Islander descent 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 Fellowship;
 - At the conclusion of the Fellowship after 12months, provide a complete or partially complete Manuscript to the Publisher of Magabala for consideration;
 - If a publishable work is produced as a result of the Fellowship, Magabala Books reserves the first right of refusal to publish the work.

Key Dates

Applications for the Fellowship **open at 9am, AWST, on 20 August 2020.**

Applications for the Fellowship **close at midnight, AWST, on 30 October 2020.**

Late applications will not be eligible for consideration.

The winner of the Fellowship will be announced early November 2020. 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 (12 point, double-spaced in Word Doc format):

- (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 of no more than 250 words; and
- (c) a sample of your Manuscript.

Email to: projects@magabala.com

Fellowship Entry Form

Applicant Details

Full name:
Address:
Email:
Phone Number:
Do you identify as an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Please attach the following: <input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation of Aboriginality/ Torres Strait Islander identity.

Previous Publication

Have you been published previously? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Please provide details of publication/s.

How did you find out about the Fellowship?

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 Fellowship 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 _____