

## **MUD Literary Prize: TERMS & CONDITIONS**

MUD Literary Club is a philanthropic organisation that supports emerging Australian writers. The aim of the MUD Literary Prize is to support a debut literary novelist. The support includes a cash contribution of \$5000, along with formal recognition at a single event as part of Adelaide Writers' Week (and, if necessary, provision of an economy return airfare with up to two [2] nights accommodation during Adelaide Writers' Week).

The philosophy behind the prize is an acknowledgement that while literary fiction plays a vital role in the cultural life of Australia, and internationally, it rarely offers writers a living wage. The prize acknowledges that most writers need funds to make it possible to write. The prize is one that the writer may spend as they see fit – to live, to travel, to explore and be inspired by new ideas.

The larger aim of the prize is to bring attention to an emerging winning writer through participation at an Adelaide Writers' Week session, and the opportunity for further recognition and wider acclaim.

**Guidelines:** The aim of the MUD Literary Prize is to support a debut Australian novelist, in accordance with the following criteria:

- The novel must be published in the calendar year prior to the award presentation.
- Writers of any prior publications may be eligible, as long as they have not previously published a novel or any work that their publisher deems a novel.
- The prize will consider literary fiction only.
- The prize will not consider genre or commercial fiction.
- The prize will be open to Australian citizens and/or permanent residents.
- A submission form, obtained from the website [www.mudliteraryclub.com.au](http://www.mudliteraryclub.com.au), must be completed by the Friday December 3 deadline and submitted to [info@mudliteraryclub.com](mailto:info@mudliteraryclub.com)
- The five-person judging panel will comprise members of MUD Literary Club, published Australian writers and a representative of Adelaide Writers' Week.
- Novels considered for the prize will be selected by the judges. Publishers will be asked to make copies of the novels being considered available to the judges free of charge.
- The winning novel will be announced a week before Adelaide Writers' Week commences on Saturday 5 March, 2022, and all applicants must be available to attend a presentation session during the festival.
- The author of the winning novel will be required to attend an Adelaide Writers Week session on Monday 7 March 2022, and also a MUD Club members' event (when the prize will be handed over) immediately after the Adelaide Writers' Week presentation session.
- The decisions of the judges in determining eligibility for consideration and the winning novel are final and no negotiation will be entered into.

**ENTRIES CLOSE: Friday 3 December, 2021.**

For further information about submissions for the MUD Literary Prize, email [info@mudliteraryclub.com](mailto:info@mudliteraryclub.com) or download a submission form from [www.mudliteraryclub.com](http://www.mudliteraryclub.com)