

Emerging Writers' Fellowship

Application Guidelines

In 2018, the Emerging Writers' Festival is thrilled to partner with State Library Victoria to present the inaugural Emerging Writers' Fellowship.

This fellowship will see an emerging writer spend a month working in a dedicated space in the State Library, immersing themselves in the Library's collection as well as learning, developing and networking at the Emerging Writers' Festival.

The fellow will receive a \$2000 grant, flights to and from their home town, a golden ticket to EWF and home-stay accommodation for the duration of their time in Melbourne. They will attend the Emerging Writers' Festival from 19-29 June, then spend the month of July working from the State Library.

Applicants from regional Victoria and interstate are strongly encouraged to apply.

About EWF

Now entering our 15th year, the Emerging Writers' Festival (EWF) is one of Australia's most established and well-respected literary festivals.

EWF is a festival for storytellers of all kinds. Even though we're a writers' festival, we're not just about novels. The festival is dedicated to supporting storytelling in all its forms, including forms as varied as podcasting, playwriting, poetry, interactive narrative design and comics.

The artistic mission and vision of EWF is now more clearly defined than ever: We develop, nurture and promote Australia's new writing talent, creating platforms for connecting writing communities and their audiences. We are passionate about strengthening all tomorrow's voices, and developing emerging cultural leaders.

Fellowship Details

The successful fellow will receive the following:

- \$2000 grant that can be used to assist with living expenses and any other costs during the fellowship
- A golden ticket to the 2018 Emerging Writers' Festival (19-29 June), giving access to over 60 events including the National Writers' Conference
- Space in a shared office in State Library Victoria from 2-31 July, accessible outside normal Library hours
- Special access to State Library Victoria collections and staff expertise
- Home-stay accommodation in inner Melbourne (Northcote). The accommodation will include a private bedroom, sitting room and bathroom with shared kitchen facilities.
- Flights to and from Melbourne via the fellow's nearest major airport.

Application Process

Applications should be made [via the online form](#) on the EWF website before 5pm AEST Monday 14 May. The fellowship is designed for emerging writers, so tell us in the application why this opportunity would benefit your career development!

Applications must include:

- An artist CV - No more than two pages telling us a bit about any other opportunities / awards / grants you've received, publication or public outcomes of your work and other relevant information about your practice
- Examples or excerpts of your work - No more than 5 pages.

Please ensure each of these documents are saved with your surname as the title.

The applications will be read and shortlisted by EWF staff according to the following criteria:

- Artist CV and examples of work
- Project outline and how the project will utilise the library's collections
- What the successful applicant will get out of the fellowship.

The fellow will be selected from a panel of judges including Izzy Roberts-Orr (Artistic Director, Emerging Writers' Festival), Indra Kurzeme (Manager - Community Programs, State Library Victoria) and Virginia Lovett (Executive Director, Melbourne Theatre Company).

Using the Library's Collections

The fellow will have State Library Victoria's vast collections at their fingertips to assist in their project. Applicants will need to detail how they plan to utilise the collections in their project outline in the application form. There will be Library staff available during the fellowship to assist in accessing the collections.

You don't need to visit the Library to explore their collections. You can explore them online [by format](#) (including newspapers, books and audio-visual material) and [by theme](#) (including art, history, science and technology).

Key Dates

Thursday 19 April: Applications open

Monday 14 May, 5pm AEST: Applications close

Thursday 24 May: Successful fellow announced

Tuesday 19 – Friday 29 June: Fellow to attend the 2018 Emerging Writers' Festival

Monday 2 July: Fellowship at State Library Victoria commences

Tuesday 17 July: State Library Fellowship welcome ceremony

Tuesday 31 July: Fellowship concludes

For further information please email info@emergingwritersfestival.org.au or call (03) 9094 7839.