**SA Writers Centre’s**

**WRITER IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM**

**(Emerging Writers)**

**DEADLINE FOR 2015 APPLICATIONS FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER 5PM**

This information and application form is for the SA Writers Centre’s “Writer in Residence Program (Emerging Writers)”.

Applicants must be available to take up residency during the time frames below.

**PREVIOUS APPLICANTS** do not need to send in a full application, just let us know if you would like to be considered again and send any additional information that will support your application.

**THE PROGRAM:**

The Writer in Residence Program (Emerging Writers) Provides a unique opportunity for emerging and early career writers to experience life in-house at the SA Writers Centre.

Each Writer in Residence is provided with a dedicated writing space for three months, access to the Centre’s resources, including reference books and library, wireless internet, meeting areas, kitchen and event space, a year-long complimentary membership, plus a number of other professional development opportunities. As part of their residency the successful applicant also has the opportunity to contribute to developing the Centre’s writing community.

Past participants of the program have benefitted enormously from their time as a WiR – they have all gone on to have their work published or performed, or have secured employment in their chosen field.

**WHEN:**

1 Jan – 31 March 2015

1 April – 30 June 2015

1 July – 30 September 2015

1 October – 31 December 2015

(Please note the starting and end dates are slightly negotiable between the Centre and successful residents.)

**WHAT YOU GET:**

* a dedicated writing space and desk to utilise for your writing purposes
* access to the Centre’s resources, including reference books and library, wireless internet, meeting areas, kitchen and event space
* complimentary membership to the SA Writers Centre for a year (commences at time of residency)
* an effort will be made to offer the resident promotional/publicity opportunities
* an introduction to our subscribers (over 2000) in our electronic newsletter, online and via our blog
* an opportunity to present a sample of your work at an appropriate event/platform on completion of the residency
* opportunity to have priority consideration for SAWC projects running during the time of your residency
* a nice addition to your CV, with a potential for SAWC to provide letter of support on completion of the residency

**WHAT YOU NEED:**

* your own computer/writing equipment
* to be responsible for your own outcomes
* to be a South Australian resident
* to be considered an emerging / early career writer – that is, a practicing artist at the early stages of your writing career
* some publication history or interest from a publisher is desirable.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**

The application deadline is 5pm, 28 November 2014.

**HOW TO APPLY:**

Fill in the attached form and email it along with your expression of interest, CV, bio and sample of your work to program@sawriters.org.au.

Your application email should include:

* + your expression of interest
  + your completed application form (including a bio, no longer than 250 words)
  + a short resume/CV, including writing awards/achievements/ publishing credits
  + a short sample of your work (NO MORE than 1,000 words), preferably from the above project. If it is a new project, please provide some writing examples of previous work from a similar genre. This sample may be published or unpublished material and MUST have your name and title of work on EACH page.

Your short expression of interest (maximum 500 words) should detail the following:

* + why you wish to apply for residency and your suitability for the project
  + how it will benefit your professional development
  + what project you will work on whilst here (please detail anything you have done towards this project already and/or summarise the project)
  + why the SA Writers Centre should choose you
  + what writing networks and communities you can bring to the Centre
  + a short summary of a workshop proposal

**SELECTION PROCESS:**

Your application will be assessed by representatives of SA Writers Centre Staff and Board. Successful applicants will be chosen based on the following criteria.

**ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:**

Preference will be given to applicants who:

* have demonstrated a commitment to writing
* have demonstrated their ability and literary promise
* can show evidence of good writing
* agree to write an evaluation report suitable for publication,
* are committed to contributing to a vibrant literary culture in SA
* ability to meet application requirements and suitability of project outcomes

**ADDITIONAL DESIRABLE CRITERIA**

It would be great if you had:

* a tertiary study in a writing-related area
* an ability to deliver a professional development workshop (depending on applicant’s skill level, a negotiated activity can be arranged)
* be part of a writing community or network
* are willing to be involved in community building activities within the Centre.

Activities could include hosting your already established or newly created writing group/book club at the Centre

**FAQs**

**Q. Will I get paid?**

A. There is no available stipend for the residencies at this stage. You will be provided with non-monetary rewards as mentioned above.

**Q. What hours do I have to be there?**

A. You don’t have to be based in the Centre 9 to 5, Monday to Friday as we understand that you may have a job or study commitments. However, we do expect you to have some presence during each week and at events, and we expect you to embrace the life of the Centre.

**Q. Can I send a blog/portfolio link instead of a sample of writing?**

A. Yes, if you think it showcases your best written work.

**Q. What do you mean when you say “short” sample of writing.**

A. Please keep your sample work short. The shorter it is, the better chance we will have time to read it thoroughly. Although assessing your writing will form part of the selection process, we will be placing more value on your objectives, your fit into the Centre and your commitment to writing and the writing community.

**Q. Do I have to undertake my residency for the time stipulated or can I take a raincheck to a later date?**

A. The residency has set dates. More residency opportunities may become available throughout the year.

**Q. What should I include in my CV?**

A. We advise that you keep it relevant to writing and only include things that will grab our attention. Relevant employment and study, writing activities, community groups, a list of publication credits is where our eye will be drawn. Please assist us by keeping the CV as short as possible.

**Q. I want to work on an extended project over a long period of time. Can I work on a portion of my project during the residency?**

A. We are open to negotiation with this. As long as there are clear objectives and outcomes and you have something to present at the end of the residency, then we welcome extended projects, such as a novel etc.

**Q. Who does the writing belong to at the end of the residency?**

A. Copyright remains solely with the author.

**Q. Do I have to have my photo taken or be in the paper?**

A. There may be sporadic PR opportunities so we would appreciate your willingness to be involved, where applicable. PR coverage is never guaranteed and due to limited resources, this will be a lower priority.

**WRITERS IN RESIDENCE APPLICATION FORM**

*Please note: failure to fill out and submit the application form and requirements adequately will result in your application being unsuccessful.*

**NAME:**

**EMAIL:**

**ADDRESS:**

**PHONE:**

**DOB:**

**TWITTER HANDLE:**

**BLOG/WEBSITE/PORTFOLIO LINKS:**

**SHORT BIO (no more than 250 words)**

**CURRENT OCCUPATION:**

**TITLE OF PROJECT**

**WHICH RESIDENCY DATES ARE YOU APPLYING FOR (IF NOT ALL AVAILABLE)?**

**HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE RESIDENCY PROGRAM?**

**ANYTHING THAT YOU THINK IS RELEVANT TO THE APPLICATION:**

**Forward completed form and other requirements via email only to:**

Bethany Clark

Program Coordinator

program@sawriters.org.au

SA Writers Centre

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