



The Speculate Prize for Emerging Writers 2026

Terms & Conditions

- Entries must be submitted using the online form located on Emerging Writers' Festival (EWF) website. Only entries following submission guidelines will be accepted.
- Only one entry per student will be accepted.
- Entries will be judged anonymously. The entrant's name must not appear on the manuscript or anywhere in the file name.
- The judges' decision will be final. No correspondence will be entered into.
- Entries that have been previously published or accepted for publication previously by a professional entity are not eligible.
- Transport to-and-from, additional accommodation, food, drink and other associated costs with the McCraith House Residency outside of the \$250 provided stipend is at the winner's own expense, including any airfares/ground travel.
- If the judges believe that there are two works of equal merit, they reserve the right to divide the prize money equally. In this instance, the McCraith House 1-week residency will be split between both winners including the \$250 stipend.
- Judges may decide not to shortlist or award the Prize if they do not believe any of the entries are of a high enough standard.
- The winner and highly commended entrant may be required to take part in events and media activities to promote the Prize.
- Shortlisted entrants also agree to potentially take part in events and media activities to promote the Prize.
- If an entrant's work is the winner of any other prize or is accepted for publication prior to the announcement of the Prize, the entrant must notify EWF in writing as soon as possible, and their work will be ineligible for the Prize and withdrawn from the judging process.



- You understand that:
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and
 - b. These terms form the entire and binding agreement between you, EWF and RMIT University.
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