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UNIVERSITY BOOK SHOP SUMMER WRITER IN RESIDENCE

IN ASSOCIATION WITH

ROBERT LORD WRITERS' COTTAGE TRUST

INTRODUCTION

The University Book Shop Summer Writer in Residence Award, in association with the Robert Lord Writers' Cottage Trust, is open to emerging writers who are normally resident in New Zealand and write for adults, young adults or children. They may write in any genre including poetry, drama, fiction, narrative non-fiction, graphic novels, biography, autobiography, essays or literary criticism. It is based in Dunedin, New Zealand's UNESCO City of Literature.

As an emerging writer's residency 'emerging writer' can loosely be distinguished, particularly from a novice writer, as someone with at least one published significant work or a body of smaller works published in reputable literary journals, collections, anthologies or online equivalents. The residency aims to provide an opportunity for the recipient to work on a subsequent work, finalise writing or to help prepare a submission for further publication.

RECIPIENT

The recipient will be an applicant who, in the opinion of the University Book Shop Summer Writer in Residence Advisory Group, has established by their published work, or otherwise, that their writing would benefit from the residency. The residency runs annually for six weeks between the beginning of January and the end of February. The exact dates will change each year and will be concurrent with the University of Otago Summer School term. In the first year (2017) the residency is for four weeks duration.

The final decision on the award and who the recipient is lies at the discretion of University Book Shop (Otago) Ltd.

THE UNIVERSITY BOOK SHOP SUMMER WRITER IN RESIDENCE AWARD INCLUDES:

- Accommodation at the Robert Lord Writers' Cottage in Dunedin North. This is conveniently located within walking distance of the University Book Shop, University, Botanical Gardens, and the North Dunedin shopping area.
- A six week residency, to mirror the University of Otago Summer School semester (but four weeks in 2017 due to existing cottage commitments)
- An office at the University Book Shop with full internet and a generous amount of photocopier/printer support
- A stipend of \$250 per week during the residency, paid weekly
- UBS Otago staff discount on book purchases during their time in Dunedin
- Access to the wider community of the University of Otago, City of Literature, Public Libraries and NZ Society of Authors during their time in Dunedin
- Freedom to work on their writing.

WE REQUEST FROM THE RESIDENCY RECIPIENT:

- At least one in-store or public event from the writer, possibly in collaboration with (an) other local writer or performer
- Reasonable participation in publicity around the Residency, such as media interviews and social media communications
- A short piece of writing about the University Book Shop and/or their experience of being the Summer Writer in Residence. The intention is to collect such pieces together after a number of years to publish in an anthology.
- An acknowledgement of University Book Shop (Otago) Ltd and the Robert Lord Writers' Cottage Trust in any published work arising from the residency
- That they make use of the time to their best advantage
- That they be responsible for all taxation and ACC payments relating to the residency
- Adherence to all conditions of the tenancy for the Robert Lord Writers' Cottage Trust.

ABOUT UNIVERSITY BOOK SHOP & ROBERT LORD WRITERS' COTTAGE TRUST

The University Book Shop Summer Writer in Residence is offered in partnership with the Robert Lord Writers' Cottage in Dunedin North. This delightful cottage is the perfect base from which to work and continues the work of the Robert Lord Writers' Cottage Trust in supporting writers. The small one bedroom cottage is fully furnished and equipped with a landline and broadband access. Toll calls and any broadband usage over the Trusts' plan will be met by the Residency recipient.

The University Book Shop has held a unique place in the literary community of Dunedin and New Zealand for over seventy years. As a pivot-point between both the University and the City there are a number of opportunities and experiences that may be open to you depending on the recipient's level of desire to get involved. These may include, but are not limited to:

- Dunedin UNESCO City of Literature networks
- University of Otago Centre for the Book
- Partnering with Dunedin Public Libraries
- Local writing groups and events such as NZ Society of Author Salons or Octagon Collective Poetry readings
- The historic Dunedin Athenaeum and Mechanics Institute
- Research libraries and archives such as the Hocken Library, McNab Room at the Dunedin Public Library, Toitu Settlers Museum, Archives New Zealand and many more.

APPLICATIONS

Applications open 20 July - 20 August annually; Announced 1 September annually.

Download (www.unibooks.co.nz) or request the application form and submit the completed form to events@unibooks.co.nz or PO Box 6060 Dunedin North.

Provide supporting evidence of meeting the emerging writer criteria.

Each year a panel of 2-4 participants will be invited to form the upcoming year's University Book Shop Summer Writer in Residence Advisory Group. Members may have particular expertise in any of the following: writing, editing, manuscript assessment, publishing, academic appraisal. The final decision on the award and who the recipient is lies at the discretion of University Book Shop (Otago) Ltd.

The recipient will also be required to sign a simple tenancy agreement with the Robert Lord Writers' Cottage Trust.

