

Writer in Residence

Term Contract Position from September 1, 2020 – May 31, 2021

Posting Date: August 27, 2019

Position Overview

The Writer in Residence acts as a mentor to writers in the community, reviewing manuscripts and providing criticism and advice about publishing. The Writer offers individual consultations, group workshops and programs, author readings and participates in other special events during their residency.

In addition to providing exchanges between the author and the community, the Writer in Residence program enables the author to work on their own writing projects. This residency requires working collaboratively with the public through individual consultations, school visits, group workshops and public lectures or seminars. The position requires 14.5 hours per week: approximately 40 percent of the author's time should be devoted to library programs and projects, allowing considerable time (60 percent) for their own creative writing.

Eligibility Criteria

Eligibility criteria is based on the Canada Council for the Arts' guidelines for the Research & Creation grant; the position is subject to Canada Council funding.

Applicants must:

- Be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada.
- Have a minimum of one professional publication prior to the application deadline (this includes books of fiction, novels, short stories, poetry, drama, young adult or children's literature, graphic novels, or literary non-fiction).
- Have made a significant contribution to their discipline.
- Be active in their profession.
- Intend to work on a new writing project (normally intended for book-length publication).

Applications must include:

- A cover letter and resume outlining literary publications and previous experience; be sure to include a description of your writing project in the cover letter.
- A sample (20 – 30 pages, double-spaced) of recent work (reviews of earlier work are encouraged but not required).
- Three signed letters of reference.

The successful applicant must:

- Be willing to complete the Canada Council Research and Creation grant application and any other associated paperwork.
- Be an active participant in a local writing community.
- Be proficient at public speaking, planning and presenting programs.
- Have previous experience in programming and facilitation in the area of creative writing. Previous experience as a writer in residence, teacher or writing mentor would be an asset.
- Have demonstrated effective interpersonal skills in dealing with the public and co-workers.
- Have demonstrated the ability to work independently, organize work and meet deadlines.
- Have demonstrated reliability, initiative and willingness to try new ideas.

A current, acceptable Criminal Record Check/Vulnerable Sector Check will be required.



Position Details Contract

Number of Positions Available 1

Remuneration \$40,000 for a nine-month term contract

Position Currently Located At Frances Morrison Central Library
311 - 23rd St East, Saskatoon, SK S7K 0J6

Please email your application package to wirapps@saskatoonlibrary.ca. All applications must be received by Friday, November 15, 2019.