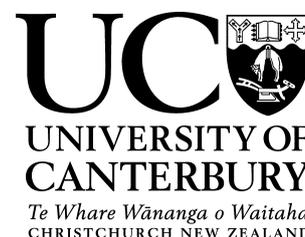


# The Macmillan Brown Prize for Writers



## Regulations

This prize recognises excellence in English composition by current and recent undergraduate students of the University of Canterbury.

1. Two prizes are available annually: a first prize with a value of \$2,500 and a second prize with a value of \$500.
2. Candidates must be enrolled as undergraduate students at the University, or have become eligible to graduate with an undergraduate degree from the University no more than three years prior to the closing date for applications (see clause 6).
3. Candidates must submit an original piece of writing of their own sole composition, either unpublished or published, which deals imaginatively with any theme: either an essay, a short story, a poem or group of poems, or a short play. The total length of the submission must not exceed 2,500 words.
4. The prize is awarded by the Council of the University, on the recommendation of the Head of the Department of English (or nominee), who will have convened a selection committee of three members of the academic staff of the Department.
5. In making the recommendation, the Head (or nominee) will consider the literary merit of submitted works, which will be anonymous.<sup>2</sup>
6. Submissions must be made online at the Scholarships website<sup>1</sup> by 30 September.<sup>2</sup>
7. If, in any year, there is no candidate of sufficient merit, neither the first prize nor the second prize will be awarded. If, in any year, there is no candidate of sufficient merit for the second prize, only the first prize will be awarded.
8. A condition of acceptance is that recipients permit publication and announcement of their acceptance of the award.

**History of the award:** This prize was established in 1965 (as The Macmillan Brown Prize in English Composition) along with the Macmillan Brown Essay Prize, following the restructuring of two awards that had both been named “The Macmillan Brown Prize”. The administration of one of the prizes had been transferred in that year to the University from the University Grants Committee; the other had been established at Canterbury College on the occasion of the 1923 jubilee of the College (as The Macmillan Prize for English Composition) by Emeritus Professor John Macmillan Brown (1846–1935).

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/scholarships/>

<sup>2</sup> Candidates may disclose their identity only through the application form. Submissions must be anonymous and linked to the candidate only through a motto of the candidate's choice (e.g. the title or opening line of the composition) that is added by the candidate to the top-right corner of each page of the submission.