

ANNOUNCING THE 2016 ACU PRIZE FOR

poetry

theme

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The 2016 ACU Prize for Poetry aims to support writers and to continue the tradition of the Catholic Church as a key patron of the arts. Following the success of the Prize in previous years, the ACU Prize for Poetry will be awarded for outstanding poetry with the theme **LOVING KINDNESS**.

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At a time of conflict across the world, now, as much as any time in the past, we need to nurture kindness to others. Poetry is a powerful medium for reflecting on how loving kindness can be manifested, or how its absence can be damaging. As Roger Housden has written:

“... poetry has the power to start a fire in a person’s life. It can alter the way we see ourselves. It can change the way we see the world. ... Poetry at its best calls forth our deep being. ... It is a magical art, and always has been -- a making of language spells designed to open our eyes, open our doors and welcome us into a bigger world, one of possibilities we may never have dared to dream of” (www.huffingtonpost.com/roger-housden/importance-of-poetry_b_884319.html?ir=Australia, 2011).

The prize is made possible through the sponsorship of the Directorate Identity & Mission at Australian Catholic University (ACU).

prize money

First prize: \$7000

Second prize: \$2000

Third prize: \$1000

For more information on
the Prize for Poetry
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Entries

Open 11TH March 2016

Close 6TH June 2016

www.acu.edu.au/poetry-prize

GUIDELINES

1. Poems must be in English and be the original work of entrants.
2. Poems must be unpublished (including on any website or blog), must not have won any other competition, and must not be under consideration by any publisher, literary journal or for any other prize for the duration of the competition.
3. Entrants must be citizens or permanent residents of Australia. Any international student currently studying at an Australian university may also apply.
4. ACU staff members (except the panel of judges) and ACU students are eligible to enter.
5. Entrants' names must not appear on any page of the work, but only on the entry form.
6. Each poem must be accompanied by an entry form and entry fee. The form must be complete. Multiple entries are permitted. Separate entry forms are required for each entry. Multiple entries may be paid for with one cheque, money order or credit card transaction.
7. Entrants must sign the declaration to be eligible.
8. Poems should be typed on A4 single-sided paper. Pages should be numbered and the title of the poem should appear on each page.
9. Each poem must not exceed 80 lines.
10. Four printed copies of each poem, together with one electronic copy in the form of a USB must be submitted. Entries will not be returned.
11. The opening date for entries is Friday 11th March 2016 and the closing date for entries is Monday 6th June 2016. Entries must be postmarked on or before Monday 6th June 2016 and be complete with entry form, correct copies of poems and electronic copy. Any entries for which the fee has not been received by close of business on the 6th June 2016 or are incomplete will be ineligible for entry.
12. Entries will only be accepted via post, and will not be accepted by email or fax.
13. If entrants withdraw their entry, the entry fee will not be refunded. Incomplete entries will not be processed.
14. The judges reserve the right not to award the Prize.
15. ACU reserves the right to quote extracts from poems, but not to exceed 'fair dealing' provisions of the Copyright Act, in order to promote the ACU Prize for Literature. This is separate from the licence you grant to ACU to print winning and commended poems in full on the ACU website, in ACU magazines and publications, and other promotional materials. Copyright will remain with the author.
16. The winning, commended and shortlisted poems will be announced 1st September 2016. Results will be published on the ACU website and may be published in external publications including newspapers, magazines etc. The winning and commended works will be displayed at the awards ceremony which will be held in Melbourne 1st September 2016.
17. Shortlisted entrants will be notified by email.
18. The judges' decision will be final and no correspondence about the result will be entered into.

ENTRY FORM

PERSONAL DETAILS

NAME

ADDRESS

STREET

SUBURB

STATE

PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL ADDRESS

POEM TITLE

ENTRY FEE

\$20 per poem

PAYMENT DETAILS [PLEASE TICK SELECTED OPTION]

I have enclosed a cheque / money order made payable to Australian Catholic University

I will pay via credit card (please fill in details below)

PLEASE DEBIT MY CREDIT CARD TO THE AMOUNT OF \$

.

CARDHOLDER NAME

CARD NUMBER

EXPIRY

CARD TYPE

MASTERCARD

VISA

AMEX

SIGNATURE

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

I have read and understood the conditions of entry and have enclosed

- 4 copies of each poem
- \$20 entry fee for each poem
- A completed signed entry form for each poem
- An electronic copy of the poem/s on a USB

POET'S SIGNATURE

DATE

ENTRY FORM : THE 2015 ACU PRIZE FOR

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Chris Wallace-Crabbe

Poet, distinguished academic and critic, generous contributor to literary culture, Chris Wallace-Crabbe is one of the best known figures in Australia's literary community and also enjoys a wider reputation in the international world of letters.

He began publishing poetry while an undergraduate, producing many volumes and winning awards and prizes, including the Grace Leven Poetry Prize in 1985 for *The Amorous Cannibal*, the Dublin Prize for the Arts and Sciences in 1987 and the Philip Hodgins Memorial Medal in 2002. His *Selected Poems: 1956-1994* won both the Dinny O'Hearn Poetry Prize and the Book of the Year Award in the 1995 Age Book of the Year Awards. In 2011 he was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia, and last year he was awarded the prestigious Melbourne Prize for Literature in "recognition of his outstanding contribution to Australian literature and cultural and intellectual life".

ENTRY FORM SUBMISSION

BY MONDAY 6TH JUNE 2016

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