Te Papa Tupu

Submission Guidelines 2024

Te Papa Tupu is open to Māori writers who have written a manuscript, are living in Aotearoa and are committed to attending, learning and fulfiling a dream of being published.

To get the most out of this mentoring programme, applicants should submit a full first draft of a manuscript.

Key Dates

Submissions open

9 Feb 2024

Submissions close

30 April 2024

Writers announced

31 May 2024

Programme commences

June 2024

Workshop 1

1 & 2 July 2024

Workshop 2

August 2024

Workshop 3

October 2024

Auckland Writers' Festival

May 2025

Sydney Writers' Festival

May 2025

Submit manuscript to Huia Publishers

31 January 2025

Eligibility

Whakapapa Māori and living in Aotearoa

Submission Guidelines

Manuscript submissions must be original, your own work, and not previously published or under contract.

Submissions may be written in te reo Māori or English and cover any written genre.

All manuscripts must be submitted by individuals. There is no limit to the number of manuscripts. However, each new submission must be uploaded separately with a new entry form.



All submissions MUST be completed online as follows:

- 1. saved as a .docx or .pdf file
- 2. your name and the title of the manuscript at the top of each page
- 3. typed in point size 12 or more with double line spaces, and each page should be numbered.
- 4. Writers must be able to commit to six months' participation in Te Papa Tupu and will be required to:
 - attend three workshops see key dates for timing. Please note, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, workshops may be held online via Zoom.
 - attend the Auckland Writers' Festival 2025
 - attend the Sydney Writers' Festival 2025 subject to travel restrictions
 - complete work to a schedule as agreed with the mentor
 - complete a monthly blog post to be published on mlt.org.nz.

The closing date for submissions is **30 April 2024**. Manuscripts received after this date will not be eligible. The selected applicants will be notified by **31 May 2024**.

The judges' decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

All applicants' personal details must be valid and up to date and will be held by the Māori Literature Trust for the purpose of this programme and for future promotion and marketing purposes in accordance with the Māori Literature Trust Privacy Policy.

The Māori Literature Trust and Huia Publishers reserve the right to publish names and photographs of the chosen writers for promotional purposes.

Previous Te Papa Tupu writers are not eligible to enter.

Employees of the Māori Literature Trust, Huia Publishers and their immediate families are not eligible to enter.

Acceptance

Completion of the application form is deemed acceptance of these terms and conditions.