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Hot Desk Fellowships 2026

The Wheeler Centre’s Hot Desk Fellowships give 22 writers a stipend of \$1,250 and a dedicated workspace to write and create over a ten-week period.

This fellowship program is made possible by the generous support of the University of Melbourne’s Faculty of Arts, the Readings Foundation and the Just Pretending theatre group.

Title of Work

☐ I have read and understood the application guidelines.

You can read the application guidelines [here](#).

In this section, you will be asked to enter your details.

Email

Phone Number

Address

Pronouns (optional)

(e.g. she/her, he/him, they/them, etc.)

For Applicants Outside of Melbourne/Naarm

If you are based interstate, do you intend to travel to Melbourne for a period of time during the Hot Desk Fellowship?

Yes

No

N/A

This section collects information on your previous publications, and history of awards, grants, and fellowships.

Publication History and Previous Awards/Grants/Fellowships 500

Please list your previous publications, awards, grants, and fellowships in chronological order (Maximum 500 words.)

Tell us about the project you will be working on during you time in the Hot Desk Fellowships 2026.

Title of Work

Genre

Application Category

Select the category you would like to apply for:

General Hot Desk Fellowships

Just Pretending Playwright Fellowship

Gabrielle Williams Fellowship

The General Hot Desk Fellowships are open to all applicants.

The Just Pretending Playwright Fellowship is awarded to a women (cis or trans) or a non-binary person who is an emerging playwright.

The Gabrielle Williams Fellowship is awarded to an emerging young adult fiction writer.

Applications for the Just Pretending Playwright Fellowship and the Gabrielle Williams Fellowship will also be considered for the general Hot Desk Fellowships.

Project Outline 100

Please provide a brief description of the work you are planning to undertake during the Hot Desk Fellowship words (Maximum 100 words.)

Your Case for a Fellowship 250

Please provide a pitch for why you should be offered a fellowship. What is the significance of this opportunity words at this point in your career, and what do you hope to get out of the experience? (Maximum 250 words.)

Sample of Your Writing

Please attach an example of your writing that exemplifies the project you would like to work on during the Hot Desk Fellowship. It may be published or unpublished.



The sample must be submitted in PDF form, and must use the following naming convention: **surname_initial_title.pdf**

The sample should be in Times New Roman, font size 12, 1.5 line spacing.

For fiction/non-fiction prose, 1 to 2 pages

For poetry, include 3 poems, total up to 3 pages. Each poem should showcase different styles and strengths.

For screenplays, include 3 to 4 pages of a script, preferably do not submit treatments.

For plays, include 3 to 4 pages of a script.

For graphic narratives or comic, include up to 5 pages. The writing sample must include illustrations.

For hybrid works, please contact us to discuss by [calling reception](mailto:calling_reception) or emailing inquiries to hotdesk@wheelercentre.com

[Please note: If you submit a sample longer than the maximum requested length, the entirety of the sample may not be read.]

Preferred Intake Period

Please indicate your preferred fellowship intake period.

Choose your first preference:

Intake 1: Monday 4 May 2026 to Friday 10 July 2026

Intake 2: Monday 13 July 2026 to Friday 18 September 2026

Intake 3: Monday 21 September 2026 to Friday 27 November 2026

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[Please note: The Wheeler Centre will endeavour to offer fellowships to each successful applicant during their preferred intake period but cannot guarantee this.]

Choose your second preference:

Intake 1: Monday 4 May 2026 to Friday 10 July 2026

Intake 2: Monday 13 July 2026 to Friday 18 September 2026

Intake 3: Monday 21 September 2026 to Friday 27 November 2026

Choose your third preference:

Intake 1: Monday 4 May 2026 to Friday 10 July 2026

Intake 2: Monday 13 July 2026 to Friday 18 September 2026

Intake 3: Monday 21 September 2026 to Friday 27 November 2026

Let us know if you would like us to contact you with updates at The Wheeler Centre.

☐ Would you like to receive email updates from The Wheeler Centre? (optional)