

## Expression of Interest (Deadline April 10, 2021)

### **Writer in Residence – May 3 to June 26, 2021**

#### **Focus: Canadian Literature (Fiction only)**

Toronto Public Library (TPL) invites applications from Canadian writers for the Spring 2021 Writer in Residence (WIR) position. The residency is designed to encourage exchanges between the author and the community and requires 14 hours per week on-line for: public readings, workshops, evaluation of submitted manuscripts, one-on-one and/or group meetings with writers from the general public, participation in online forums, and other activities as agreed. The remaining time is available for the WIR to work on his or her own project.

#### **Qualifications:**

- Canadian citizen, permanent resident of Canada
- Minimum of two books in print, published by a professional publishing house
- Active in the writing profession
- Active online presence
- Experience in teaching creative writing
- Demonstrated understanding of the needs of aspiring writers
- Experience developing and delivering programs, workshops, readings
- Working on or planning to work on a new project intended for publication

#### **Applications must include:**

- Curriculum vitae or resume, including teaching experience and a list of publications and completed projects
- Detailed suggestions for workshops or programs on writing short stories
- Sample of recent published writing
- Two letters of reference

#### **The WIR will have the following core responsibilities:**

- Create and deliver online programs (e.g. public readings, workshops, etc.).
- Evaluate submitted manuscripts.
- Meet with writers from the general public one-on-one and/or in groups.
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**Requirements of the residency:**

- A 8-week residency from May 3 to June 26, 2021
- 14 hours a week; flexible work schedule.
- All programs and meetings will take place online.

**Remuneration:** \$8,000

**Location:** The WIR will work remotely online.

**To apply, submit the following documents through the Writer in Residence page on <https://torontopubliclibrary.bonfirehub.ca/opportunities/39261>**

- **Curriculum Vitae** – Include a summary of how you meet the qualifications listed above, which should include, but may not be limited to, relevant education, work experience, and coaching/teaching experience, and links to website and social media presence.
- **Program Proposal** – Outline your idea for at least 2 programs (e.g. workshop, lecture, meetup, etc.). A maximum of 2 pages.
- **Sample of recent published writing** – 15 to 20 pages.
- **Reference letters** – A maximum of 2 relevant references.

**Deadline to apply is at 11:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on Saturday, April 10, 2021.**

The deadline for the submission of questions related to this posting is 11:00 a.m. (Toronto time) on Friday, March 19, 2021. Please submit all questions through the Opportunity Question & Answer tab found on the project portal link: <https://torontopubliclibrary.bonfirehub.ca/opportunities/39261>

**It is important that all interested parties download their own copy of the Expression of Interest (EOI) documentation from <https://torontopubliclibrary.bonfirehub.ca> in order to ensure receipt of further information pertaining to the EOI. TPL is not responsible for the distribution of information to those who obtain the EOI documentation through a third party.**



**Any submission response that fails to provide the requested documentation or that does not, in the view of the Library, contain sufficient information to permit a thorough evaluation may be rejected and not considered for evaluation.**

**Note:** The successful candidate will be required to complete a Vulnerable Sector Check. The cost for the VSC is paid for by the Resident.

TPL invites applications from all qualified individuals. TPL is committed to employment equity and diversity in the workplace and welcomes applications from visible minorities, aboriginal people, persons with disabilities, and persons of any sexual orientation or gender identity.

Upon request, accommodation will be provided for persons with disabilities through all stages of the recruitment and selection process.