

Terms & Conditions (the rules): 16-18 competition

Entries

- The UCP Short Story Prize 2016 (the "Competition ") is organised by University Centre Peterborough ("UCP").
- The Competition is open to anyone aged 16-18 enrolled on a full programme of study with their sponsored school who is not excluded by these Rules.
- Members of UCP staff and their spouses are excluded from being eligible to enter.
- The deadline for entries is 5pm (UK time) on Friday 27th January 2017. Entries received after this deadline will not be considered. The online entry system may become busy as the deadline nears, so entrants are advised not to leave submission until the last minute.
- You must submit a short story of up to 1500 words in length. There is no minimum word count.
- Entrants may submit only one story which must be under their own name
- The UCP prize only accepts email copies as Microsoft Word attachments.
- All work submitted for consideration can be on any subject, and written in any style or form, but must be the entrant's own original writing, and should not have appeared in print or appear on a website (including blogs and social networking sites) or have been broadcast, for the duration of the UCP Prize (which is deemed to begin on the date of entry and end on 1st April 2017. Work found to be published in print or on a website or to have been broadcast will be disqualified.
- All work must be typed or word-processed in double-spaced Arial 12pt, clearly legible and written in English. Entrants should not include illustrations or artwork.
- Entries will be accepted only by email.
- Entries submitted for consideration may be withdrawn from the Competition by entrants by notification in writing (email).
- Amendments cannot be made to entries after they have been submitted; stories cannot be amended, corrected or substituted.
- UCP reserves the right to disqualify any entry if it has reasonable grounds to believe that the entrant has breached any of these Rules, or made a false declaration on the entry form.
- UCP cannot accept any responsibility for any damage, loss, injury or disappointment suffered by any entrant entering the Competition.
- UCP will act in accordance with current UK data protection legislation in relation to your personal data.
- The Competition and Rules will be governed by English Law and any dispute will be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales.
- UCP reserves the right to amend these Rules where it is deemed necessary to do so or where circumstances are beyond UCP's control. Any changes to the Rules will be posted on the UCP website.
- Submission of an entry will be deemed to imply unqualified acceptance of the Competition's Rules. In the event of any dispute regarding these Rules or any other matter relating to the Competition, the decision of UCP shall be final and no correspondence or discussion shall be entered into.

Judging and selection

- A judging panel of practising writers will select a short-list of entrants and, from that list, select the winners. The judges' decisions are final, and no correspondence about their decisions will be entered into. MMU reserves the right to change the panel of judges without notice. The judges reserve the right not to award the prizes, or to reduce the prize money, if, in their opinion, such action is justified for any reason.
- Short-listed entrants will be invited to attend a prize-giving event on the 16th March 2017. The winners will be announced at this event. Short-listed entrants will be notified by telephone on or before the 1st March 2017, and asked to confirm attendance at the event. In cases where short-listed entrants are unable to attend the event, they will be invited to send a representative (a friend or relative) on their behalf; if a representative is unable to attend, short-listed entrants will be asked to submit a short written statement to be read out at the ceremony should they win.