

***ABR* FORTIETH BIRTHDAY FELLOWSHIP**

Guidelines

WHAT IS THE *ABR* FORTIETH BIRTHDAY FELLOWSHIP?

This Fellowship – funded by *ABR*'s many Patrons – is a highlight of *ABR*'s fortieth year. The Fellowship is not themed and will produce four separate contributions in 2018. We welcome proposals from Australian creative writers, freelance reviewers, commentators, and scholars.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Any writer with a publication record (books, creative writing, essays or journalism) is eligible. Applicants must be Australian citizens or have permanent resident status in Australia. *ABR* staff and Board members are ineligible. Contributors to the magazine and previous Fellows and Fellowship applicants are strongly encouraged to apply.

WHAT IS *ABR* OFFERING?

The Fellow will receive a total of \$10,000, payable thus – \$2,500 on announcement of the Fellowship and three further payments of \$2,500 on publication of the final three contributions to the magazine.

The Fellow will receive one economy return airfare to Melbourne (if necessary). No contribution to accommodation costs is possible. The Fellow will work closely with the Editor of *ABR* throughout the year.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

ABR is seeking a major suite of brilliant literary journalism. During the course of the Fellowship, the Fellow will produce four substantial articles for publication in the magazine in 2018. These can be review essays, commentaries, or interviews – or a combination of all three genres. Each contribution will be 2,000 words or longer. The features (agreed on with the *ABR* Editor) will be staggered throughout the year and completed for publication by 31 December 2018. The articles will appear in the print and online editions of *ABR*. The Fellow will be available for media coverage and at least one literary/promotional event. NB the Fellow is not expected to complete the Fellowship on site.

FAMILIARITY WITH *AUSTRALIAN BOOK REVIEW*

ABR looks for support and engagement from its senior/regular contributors. Applicants must demonstrate considerable familiarity with *ABR* – its style, its content, its direction. Those unfamiliar with the magazine or unsure of its tenor should not apply. Visit our [website](#) to purchase copies or to [subscribe](#) to the print edition or *ABR Online*.

SELECTION PROCESS

The Fellow will be chosen by a panel including *ABR* Editor Peter Rose. We will announce the decision in February 2018 at the start of our fortieth birthday year. No correspondence will be entered into once the decision has been announced. *ABR* reserves the right not to award a Fellowship in a particular round.

HOW TO APPLY?

Applicants are strongly encouraged to refer to the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) section on our website (while noting that this particular Fellowship is different in nature from past ones). Applicants may also want to discuss their proposals with the Editor before submitting them: (03) 9699 8822 or editor@australianbookreview.com.au

The application should comprise a comprehensive proposal of 2–4 pages plus a short CV. Applicants should summarise the following: the nature/scope/genre of the four proposed contributions; their interest in the magazine and its direction; and why they believe their contributions will advance *ABR* and win us new readers. Applicants should also attach two examples of their literary journalism.

SUBMIT PROPOSALS TO:

fellowships@australianbookreview.com.au

CLOSING DATE

31 December 2017

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