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The Nakata Brophy Short Fiction and Poetry Prize for Young Indigenous Writers

Nominations for the 2016 Nakata Brophy Short Fiction and Poetry Prize for Young Indigenous Writers are now open now.

Sponsored by Trinity College at the University of Melbourne and *Overland*, this prize, now in its third year, recognises the talent of young Indigenous writers across Australia. For 2016, the prize will be awarded to the best poem (up to 88 lines) by an Indigenous writer who is 30 years or younger at the closing date of the competition. Each year the competition alternates between poetry and short fiction.

The prize is \$5,000, publication in *Overland's* print magazine, and a three-month writer's residency at the beautiful Trinity College, the oldest student residence at the University of Melbourne. Two runner-up prizes may also be awarded.

Says Jessica Hart, winner of the 2014 inaugural prize, 'This opportunity allowed me the scope for further development as a young writer, and also as a young Indigenous writer. Contributions from Indigenous writers are fundamentally important to Australian literature. Trinity College realises this, and helps its recipients to realise this as well.'

The residency includes accommodation in a small flat near the campus and all meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) can be eaten in Trinity's Dining Hall. There will be opportunities to engage in campus and College life, to give workshops or talks, and the potential to receive writing mentorship (per negotiation with Trinity College and *Overland*).

Trinity College is the oldest residential College at the University of Melbourne. It is home to over 300 residential students, including a number of Indigenous students. Trinity's Indigenous programs have been developing since Sana Nakata and Lilly Brophy became the first Indigenous students to attend the College. This prize is named for the two, who have gone on to successful careers in academia and veterinary science.

The competition closes 31 January 2016.

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For more information, see:

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