



HNSA COLLEEN McCULLOUGH RESIDENCY CONTEST RULES

General

Opening date: **1 August 2019**

Closing date for receipt of entries: **Midnight 13 October 2019 AEST**

- The HNSA Colleen McCullough Residency (the Residency) will be awarded to two (2) writers one of which shall be an aspiring writer who has not self-published an historical novel independently or had an historical novel published by a publishing company.
- Winners of the Residency will be required to produce a 1000 word essay or two (2) 500 word posts for the HNSA News & Interviews as detailed under **Winners' Obligations**.

Prizes

The two winners will each be awarded:

- (a) 1 return airfare from Sydney to Norfolk Island;
- (b) Individual car hire for 7 days from 3 to 9 February 2020;
- (c) 7 days exclusive use of one self-contained unit on the Colleen McCullough Property from 3 to 9 February 2020;;
- (d) Transfers on Norfolk Island from airport to tour office/accommodation;
- (e) A tour of Colleen McCullough's library; and
- (f) Two tours offered by Baunti Tours on Norfolk Island.
<https://www.norfolkisland.com.au/things-to-do/tours-and-activities/norfolk-island/baunti-escapes-tours-boutique-tour-company>

Eligibility

- The contest shall be open to all delegates of the Sydney Historical Novel Society Australasia Conference 2019 (HNSA 2019) excluding the competition judges, readers, sponsors, HNSA patrons, HNSA committee members, and principal conference organisers.
- Only entrants who have purchased a weekend conference or day ticket to HNSA 2019 are eligible to enter the competition.

Entries

Entrants must provide the following:

1. A 100 word statement as to how and why the entrant would find the Residency valuable in completing their work-in-progress (WIP) including a reference to either:
 - (a) Colleen McCullough as a source of inspiration for readers and writers;or

- (b) The attraction of Norfolk Island as a research possibility, writing retreat, or setting for an historical novel.
2. 50 word biography including reference to any historical novels published by the entrant either independently or by a publishing company;
 3. 50 word synopsis of the WIP; and
 4. First 500 words of the WIP which must be a work of historical fiction as defined by the Historical Novel Society <https://historicalnovelsociety.org/guides/defining-the-genre-2/>

Submission requirements

- Email entries to contact@hnsa.org.au by **Midnight 13 October 2019 AEST**
- All entries must be submitted with a cover sheet containing the following:
 - *Entrant's name*
 - *Title of Work-In-Progress*
 - *Email address*
 - *Phone number*
 - *Receipt numbers for your HNSA 2019 conference fee*
 - *The statement 'I agree to the conditions of entry set out in the HNSA Colleen McCullough Residency Contest Rules.'*
- Entries not accompanied by a cover sheet with valid conference ticket numbers will not be considered.
- Each entrant may submit only one entry.

Entrance fee

- Only entrants who have purchased an HNSA 2019 weekend conference or day ticket are eligible to enter the competition.
- All payments must be cleared by 13 October, 2019.

Entry format

- Entries must be in English, typed in a Word 2007 document or later version (.docx file), A4 format, one side only, spell checked, and with pages numbered.
- Entries must be double-line spaced and include a word count at the top of the first page of the WIP.
- Entries will not be returned, so please keep a copy.
- No corrections can be made after receipt.

Receipt of entry

An email confirmation will be sent to the address from which the submission was made. No other correspondence will be entered into.

Judging

- The Judge's decision shall be final and no debate or correspondence will be entered into. The Judge will not comment on individual entries.
- Judging will be fair and unbiased.
- Entry constitutes acceptance of all the rules. Failure to comply with the entry requirements will result in disqualification.

Prize winners and prize giving

- The names of the two winners of the Residency will be announced during the prize-giving ceremony at the HNSA 2019 Conference Dinner. The winners' names will be published on HNSA News & Interviews, HNSA Facebook Page, HNSA Facebook Group, and Burnt Pine Travel website. <https://www.burntpinetravel.com/>

Winners' Obligations

As a condition of acceptance of a Residency, the winners must agree to:

- (a) Write a 1000 word (max) essay or 2 x 500 word posts reflecting on the benefits of staying on Norfolk Island to complete the Residency for the purposes of publication on HNSA News & Interviews and on the Burnt Pine Travel website.
- (b) Consent to their names being published on HNSA News & Interviews, HNSA Facebook Page, HNSA Facebook Group, and Burnt Pine Travel website.
- (c) Provide their own transport to and from Sydney airport.
- (d) Acknowledge HNSA, Colleen McCullough's Estate, Burnt Pine Travel and Baunti Tours in any published work (or subsequent publicity) resulting from the Residency
- (e) Effect their own personal travel insurance.
- (f) Provide their own food and beverages on Norfolk Island.
- (g) Undertake to keep the unit on the McCullough Property clean and in good order at the end of the Residency.
- (h) Hold a current driver's licence if wishing to accept free car hire while on Norfolk Island.
- (i) Pay for their own transport on Norfolk Island if the offer of free car hire is declined.

HNSA offers its appreciation to Burnt Pine Travel, Baunti Tours and Ric Robinson, executor of the Colleen McCullough Estate, for their generosity in offering the prize benefits.