



"Empathy is about finding echoes of another person in yourself."

Mohsin Hamid

The 2018 ACU Prize for Poetry

The 2018 ACU Prize for Poetry aims to support writers and to continue the tradition of the Catholic Church as a key patron of the arts. Following the success of the Prize in previous years, the ACU Prize for Poetry will be awarded for outstanding poetry with the theme 'Empathy.'

ABOUT ACU

Australian Catholic University (ACU) engages the Catholic Intellectual Tradition to bring a distinct perspective to higher education. The University explores cultural, social, ethical and religious issues through its teaching, research and service – and contributes to its communities by fostering and advancing knowledge in education, health, commerce, humanities, science and technology, law, and creative arts. ACU graduates are skilled in their chosen fields, ethical in their behaviour, with a developed critical habit of mind, an appreciation of the sacred in life and a commitment to serving the common good.

FINALS JUDGE PROFESSOR CHRIS WALLACE-CRABBE

Poet, distinguished academic and critic, generous contributor to literary culture, Professor Chris Wallace-Crabbe is one of the best known figures in Australia's literary community and also enjoys a wider reputation in the international world of letters.

He began publishing poetry while an undergraduate, producing many volumes and winning awards and prizes, including the Grace Leven Poetry Prize in 1985 for *The Amorous Cannibal*, the Dublin Prize for the Arts and Sciences in 1987 and the Philip Hodgins Memorial Medal in 2002.

His Selected Poems: 1956-1994 won both the Dinny O'Hearn Poetry Prize and the Book of the Year Award in the 1995 Age Book of the Year Awards. In 2011 he was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia, and last year he was awarded the prestigious Melbourne Prize for Literature in "recognition of his outstanding contribution to Australian literature and cultural and intellectual life".

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Conditions of entry

1. Poems must be in English and be the original work of entrants.
2. Poems must be unpublished (including on any website or blog), must not have won any other competition, and must not be under consideration by any publisher, literary journal or for any other prize for the duration of the competition.
3. Entrants must be 18 years and over, citizens or permanent residents of Australia. Any international student currently studying at an Australian university may also apply.
4. ACU staff members (except the panel of judges) and ACU students are eligible to enter.
5. Entrants' names must not appear on any page of the work, but only on the entry form.
6. Poems should be typed on A4 single-sided paper. Pages should be numbered and the title of the poem should appear on each page.
7. Each poem must not exceed 80 lines.
8. Entry is possible online via the webpage and via post. All entries will be retained by the University
9. Online entries submission must be in Word format.
10. The opening date for entries is Monday 5th March 2018 and the closing date for entries is Friday 20th July 2018.
11. Online entries close 5pm EST Friday 20th July 2018 and must be complete with entry form, electronic copy of poem in Word format, and credit card payment to be valid.
12. Postal entries must be postmarked on or before Friday 20th July 2018 and be complete with entry form, two hardcopies of the poems, an electronic copy of the poem on a USB or CD in Word format and completed payment form with cheque or money order to be valid.
13. Multiple entries are permitted online or via post. While each entry requires an entry fee, multiple entries may be paid for with one credit card transaction, cheque or money order.
14. Entrants must sign the declaration to be eligible. Electronic signatures are permissible.
15. Entries will only be accepted via post or online via the webpage. Entries will not be accepted by email or fax.
16. If entrants withdraw their entry, the entry fee will not be refunded. Incomplete entries will not be processed.
17. The judges reserve the right not to award the Prize.
18. ACU reserves the right to quote extracts from poems, but not to exceed 'fair dealing' provisions of the Copyright Act, in order to promote the ACU Prize for Poetry. This is separate from the licence you grant to ACU to print winning and commended poems in full on the ACU website, in ACU magazines and publications, and other promotional materials. Copyright will remain with the author.
19. The winning, commended and shortlisted poems will be announced on 6th of September 2018. Results will be published on the ACU website and may be published in external publications including newspapers, magazines etc. The winning and commended works will be displayed at the awards ceremony which will be held in Melbourne on the 6th September 2018.
20. Shortlisted entrants will be notified by email.
21. The judges' decision will be final and no correspondence about the result will be entered into.

PRIZE MONEY

First prize: \$10,000

Second prize: \$5,000

Third prize: \$3,000

The prize is made possible through the sponsorship of the Office of the Vice President at Australian Catholic University.

SUBMISSIONS

Open Monday 5th March

Close Friday 20th July 2018

ENTER ONLINE

www.acu.edu.au/literature-prize

ENTER BY MAIL

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Entry Form

Please ensure that your submitted poetry does not have your name on the document and does not exceed 80 lines.

PERSONAL DETAILS

Name

Address

Phone number

Email address

Poem title

PAYMENT DETAILS

The entry fee is **\$25 per poem**.

Payment (Please tick selected option)

- I have posted a cheque / money order made payable to Australian Catholic University
 I will pay via credit card (please fill in details below)

Cardholder name

Card number

Expiry

Card type

VISA MASTERCARD

CVV

Signature

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

I have read and understood the conditions of entry and have enclosed

- A Word document of the poem Completed payment form
 A completed signed entry form for each poem. \$25 entry fee for each poem

Poet's signature

Date