

CREATIVE NEW ZEALAND BERLIN WRITERS' RESIDENCY 2009/2010

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Creative New Zealand is calling for applications for The Creative New Zealand Berlin Writers' Residency. The Writers' Residency was set up in 2000 by the Arts Board to provide a unique opportunity for a New Zealand writer to live and work in Berlin for up to eleven months. It will provide NZ\$3,000 for travel to Berlin, paid rental accommodation and a stipend of NZ\$3,000 per month. The Writers' Residency alternates biennially with a similar residency for visual artists.

Previous recipients of the Writers' Residency have been: Sarah Quigley; Tina Shaw; Kapka Kassabova; Philip Temple; Tim Corballis and Lloyd Jones.

The primary aim of the Writers' Residency is for the successful applicant to work on an approved project while in Berlin. On returning, the successful applicant will be expected to have completed, or substantially completed, a body of writing.

Eligibility

The Writers' Residency is open to any established New Zealand writer who has been resident in New Zealand for at least three years prior to making the application.

The project the writer submits may be in any genre bearing in mind that Creative New Zealand's literature genre priorities are works of fiction, poetry, children's fiction, biography, autobiography, essays, histories, literary criticism, analytical prose of a high literary standard and creative non-fiction.

The successful applicant must be able to undertake the residency between August 2009 and July 2010.

There are ambassadorial aspects to the Writers' Residency, and the successful applicant will be representing New Zealand interests. As such, applicants must also demonstrate an ability to present well to overseas contacts and the media. Previous involvement in literary festivals, tours, seminars or panels would be an advantage.

Application requirements

Applicants should complete the Writers' Residency application form and include the following information in the body of the application:

- Details of the project underway or to be undertaken.
- Details on how you will carry out the project and any special requirements for the project such as additional travel and research.
- A full literary CV
- Details on how your project will deliver to the following result that Creative New Zealand is seeking: **The development of new high-quality innovative and culturally diverse New Zealand work is supported.**

- An outline of future plans for the completed project.
- Up to 10 pages of the proposed work in progress.

Information and queries

The Writers' Residency application form will be available from the Special Opportunities page at www.creativenz.govt.nz by the end of January 2009. For further information or a hard copy of the form, please contact:

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Applications close at 5pm on Friday 6 March, 2009.

Applications must be received in Creative New Zealand's Wellington office in hard copy by 5pm on the closing date, clearly labeled:

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