

The Edna O'Brien Young Writers Bursary

17-21 July 2023

What to Expect

This is a five-day, blended writing programme including a residential stay at UCD Student Residences for 15 talented young people from around the island of Ireland.

15 selected students will develop their creative practice under the guidance of this year's mentor – award-winning poet, essayist, librettist, and poetry editor Jessica Traynor, as well as meeting with representatives from the publishing industry, UCD academic staff and other writers.

The goal of the bursary is to attract young writers with significant potential, and afford them the opportunity to explore that potential, whilst gaining an introduction to the worlds of publishing and literature as a course of academic study.

- The programme runs from Monday, 17 July, until Friday, 21 July 2023.
- Travel costs and meals will be provided for all bursary attendees.
- All students will have their work published as a special edition under the MoLI Editions imprint.
- As well as being given membership of the museum, the students will be invited to various museum events throughout the year.
- All bursary staff, programming, events and practices are delivered in line with MoLI's Child Protection Policy and Safeguarding Statement.

How to Apply

Application is via our online form at moli.ie/edna-obrien-bursary/application

Section 1: Consent This should be completed by the applicant's parent or guardian.

Section 2: The Applicant This should be completed by the applicant.

Section 3: The Application The applicant will be prompted to submit two pieces of writing:

About you – Tell us about yourself and why the Edna O'Brien Bursary is a match for you. (Max 300 words).

Your writing – Please submit an extract of something that you have written (about 300 words). This should be a short creative excerpt of prose, poetry, or non-fiction.

Things to Consider

Full terms and conditions are available at moli.ie/edna-obrien-bursary/application. Some of the main things for applicants to consider are as follows:

- We will only accept applications with parental/guardian consent, including joint contact details completed.
- We will accept only one application per writer.
- Your writing can be new or existing work, but must be an original piece of work by you.
- We are not looking for polished, finished pieces of writing, or writers with large amounts of experience. What we are interested in is hearing about you, your passion and your creativity.
- Applicants need to have been born between July 22, 2005 - February 7, 2008.

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Closing date for applications:

Tuesday 7 March 2023, 10pm

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