



**Oxford - BNU Creative Writing Award**  
**Opening for submissions 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022**  
**Closing to submissions 30<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize £2,500**  
**2 Runner Up Prizes £500**

**For a short story of maximum 10,000 words in English prose**

**Eligibility**

- Undergraduate or postgraduate student on course as of date submitted in one of Oxford University's 45 Colleges or Permanent Private Halls.
- Staff in any role, grade, employment status employed as of date submitted by any of Oxford University's departments, colleges or permanent private halls.
- Must be the entrant's original and unpublished work. One entry per author.

**About this Award**

The Oxford – BNU Creative Writing Award is offered by the Mo Yan International Writing Centre, based at Regent's Park College and inaugurated in June 2019 to facilitate international and cross-cultural diversity within the global literary community. It is named for 2012 Nobel Laureate Mo Yan, who is an Honorary Fellow of Regent's Park College.

2022 is the second year of this Award, which is conducted in partnership with Beijing Normal University in parallel competitions held in Oxford and China. We are honoured to have Mo Yan serve as Chair of the Joint Judging Panels and delighted to welcome back last year's UK Panel judges: Boyd Tonkin, Chair (2020 Benson Medallist of the Royal Society of Literature and Chair of the Man Booker International Prize 2016), Liz Trubridge (Executive Producer of "Downton Abbey"), Davis Bunn (Novelist-in-Residence, Regent's Park College), Lynn Robson (Tutorial Fellow in English Literature, Regent's Park College).



Competition and award management is the responsibility of the Mo Yan International Writing Centre, Oxford Prospects and Global Development Institute, Regent's Park College, Oxford to whom all communications should be addressed at [pa\\_opgdc@regents.ox.ac.uk](mailto:pa_opgdc@regents.ox.ac.uk)



## Timeline

Opening for submissions Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Submission deadline 12 noon on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2022

Shortlisted entries go to UK Judging Panel 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Awarding decision and co-approval by UK/China Joint Judging Panels 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Award Ceremony in-person at Regents' Park College at the end of November 2022 (date tbc)

## Submission requirements

- Submit your entry as both WORD and PDF attachments by email sent from your Oxford SSO email address to [pa\\_opgdc@regent.ox.ac.uk](mailto:pa_opgdc@regent.ox.ac.uk) no later than 12 noon on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2022
- The PDF version must be fully anonymised, named with the title and word count
- At the top of the WORD version state:
  1. Your name as stated in your Oxford University matriculation/employment contract
  2. Your name as you wish it to appear in any publicity, if different
  3. Your email address for further correspondence
  4. Your college, subject and year of study if a student
  5. Your employing college/department and job title if staff
  6. Your Bod card number
- Winning and selected shortlisted entries may be published by OPGDI or our nominated publisher and submission of your entry constitutes agreement to publication.