

## **2016 WGA Mentorship Program: Call for Mentor Applications**

**PLEASE NOTE: SUBJECT TO CANADA COUNCIL FUNDING**

### **Overview**

The Mentorship program is an initiative of the Writers' Guild of Alberta designed to help promising emerging writers make the transition to the next stage of their careers. Over a period of four months, mentors will be expected to devote 50 to 60 hours to reading and responding to their apprentice's work and giving guidance.

The program will take place from January through April 2016.

Both mentors and apprentices will be selected by an independent jury. Apprentices will be selected before mentors. There is no guarantee that all genres will be included in the final pairings. Depending on geographical location, some mentorships may be conducted primarily by email and telephone.

Mentor selection: Both former and first-time applicants are encouraged to apply, decisions for the mentor application will be made on the basis of the best match between the apprentice and the mentor.

### **Criteria**

Candidates must have professional publication credits, including published books and/or credits in literary anthologies, journals or magazines. Candidates must have demonstrated ability and/or prior experience in manuscript review, editing and peer consultation.

All successful candidates must be active members of the WGA or become members prior to the start of their contract.

### **Application Process**

Please submit a completed application form, current CV and a cover letter explaining your interest in the program and a short description of your approach to mentoring.

**Deadline:**

**Applications must be received or postmarked on or before September 4, 2015**

## Mentor Application Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (W): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (C): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Website (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred writing genre(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any dates you would not be available? \_\_\_\_\_

Application packages **must** include:

- 1) Completed application form**
- 2) A current author CV**
- 3) Cover letter as per above guidelines**

Application packages should be forwarded to:

**Writers' Guild of Alberta  
11759 Groat Road  
Edmonton, AB T5M 3K6**

or via email to: [mail@writersguild.ab.ca](mailto:mail@writersguild.ab.ca).

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Note: Five mentors are chosen based on independent adjudication. When choosing mentors, adjudicators consider writing experience, teaching/editing/mentoring experience, overall suitability, or potential suitability to chosen apprentices.