

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS:
2025 & 2026 WRITER-AND/OR STORYTELLER-IN-RESIDENCE**

**Centre for Creative Writing and Oral Culture
University of Manitoba**

Writer and/or storytellers are sought for the position of Writer/Storyteller-in- Residence at the University of Manitoba's Centre for Creative Writing and Oral Culture. Two three-month residencies, one taking place in the fall of 2025 and the other in the winter of 2026, will require the successful candidates to spend approximately 16 hours per week providing mentorship and practical artistic advice to developing writers and storytellers at the University of Manitoba, to give a limited number of readings and/or performances on campus, and to lead an informal non-credit workshop. The remaining time is to be devoted to the successful candidates' own artistic projects. The salary is **\$15,000.00 CAD** (subject to mandatory deductions) and the residency also includes rent-free accommodation and return transportation to Winnipeg.

The Centre for Creative Writing and Oral Culture (CCWOC) is a hub for creativity and a place to learn about and celebrate the transformative potential of creative writing and storytelling. CCWOC provides support for established and emerging storytellers and writers within and beyond the university community, aiming to empower people from diverse backgrounds to develop skills and create stories. Located at the University of Manitoba in the city of Winnipeg, the Centre sponsors readings, lectures, master classes and creative community projects. Winnipeg is renowned for its vibrant arts community and its multicultural citizenry, including the largest urban population of Indigenous people in North America. The Centre builds upon these local cultural strengths as a basis for its creative and critical work. To learn more about the Centre, visit <https://umanitoba.ca/arts/centre-creative-writing-and-oral-culture>.

Applications should include: a cover letter summarizing the applicant's qualifications for the position and describing the artistic and mentoring work they would undertake during the residency. Applications must also include a CV or résumé of career achievements (publications, performances, awards, residencies), a writing sample of no more than 20 pages (double-spaced and typed in a standard 12-point font) and two letters of reference discussing the applicant's skills as an artist and a mentor. Storytellers are encouraged to submit links to their performance videos.

Candidates of all nationalities are encouraged to apply; however, preference will be given to Canadian applicants. Full proficiency in English is required, and publications or performance credits in English would be an asset. The Centre for Creative Writing and Oral Culture is committed to principles of employment equity. The application deadline is **Wednesday, October 30th, 2024**.

Electronic submissions will be accepted at the Centre's email address, ccwoc@umanitoba.ca. Attachments must be in Microsoft Word or PDF.

Application materials, including letters of reference, will be handled in accordance with the protection of privacy provision of The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Manitoba). Please note that curriculum vitae may be provided to participating members of the search process.

The University of Manitoba is committed to the principles of equity, diversity & inclusion and to promoting opportunities in hiring, promotion and tenure (where applicable) for systemically marginalized groups who have been excluded from full participation at the University and the

larger community including Indigenous Peoples, women, racialized persons, persons with disabilities and those who identify as 2SLGBTQIA+ (Two Spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, questioning, intersex, asexual and other diverse sexual identities). All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be given priority.

If you require accommodation supports during the recruitment process, please contact UM.Accommodation@umanitoba.ca or 204-474-7195. Please note this contact information is for accommodation reasons only.