



Eligibility, Terms and Conditions for Michael King Writers Centre Residencies 2026

All applicants must read, understand and accept the Application Criteria of the MKWC Residencies *before* proceeding with an application and to be eligible for a fellowship.

Eligibility for Residencies

The following criteria apply:

- Applicants must have New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency and need to be residing in Aotearoa NZ. Evidence of permanent residency may be required to confirm that applicants meet this requirement.
- Writers who have previously held a MKWC residency are welcome to apply, providing at least two years have elapsed since the last residency.
- Scripts for film, television or radio are *not* eligible. Tertiary students working towards the completion of a tertiary qualification and university academics or employees whose project is part of their usual employment are *not* eligible.

Terms and Conditions for Residencies

In accepting the residency, the selected writer agrees to the following terms and conditions:

- The decision of the selection panel will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- The appointed writer will reside in Auckland at the Michael King Writers Centre for the term of the residency. Writers who usually live in Auckland are eligible to apply, however the appointed writer is expected to reside at the centre for the majority of the residency.
- The facility is not available for guests (of the writer), to stay overnight.
- If the appointed writer is in regular employment, he/she/they are expected to arrange to be on leave for the duration of the residency.
- The writer accepts that the residency may be promoted by MKWC and its funding agencies in publications and media activities.
- Within four (4) weeks of the completion of the residency, the writer agrees to provide a written evaluation of the residency to the Michael King Writers Centre.
- We understand that some people may find the cost of travel to the centre difficult. If you are selected for a residency, the centre may be able help those who are most in need of support.