

ACCUTE Creative Writing Collective Caucus

Graduate Student Creative Writing Contest 2027

Contest Info:

The Creative Writing Collective (CWC) is hosting a Graduate Student Creative Writing Contest focusing on short prose and poetry written in English.

Who is eligible?

Graduate students of any discipline or major at a Canadian institution are welcome to submit. *Non-members and existing members of ACCUTE are eligible.

What can be submitted?

- **One** piece of short prose to the **prose category** (up to 2500 words of fiction or creative nonfiction).
- **One** poem to the **poetry category** (up to 500 words).
- Word counts exclude the title.
- Participants are welcome to submit to both categories but may only submit once in each category.
- Submissions must be unpublished.
- We accept simultaneous submissions; we just ask that we are informed as soon as the work is accepted elsewhere.

Adjudication and Prizes:

The entries will be judged by the CWC executive committee.

- A winner in each category (**prose** and **poetry**) will receive a monetary prize of \$200.
- Two honourable mentions in each category will receive a monetary prize of \$50.
- The winning prose piece and poem will be published in ACCUTE's newsletter, *The Angle*.
- All winners and finalists will be invited to share their distinguished pieces as audio files on the ACCUTE CWC webpage.

Submission Guidelines:

- Entries must be submitted as a Word document or PDF and the file labelled as “PROSE_ title of your submission” or “POETRY_ title of your submission.”
- Submissions should be typed in a legible font and font size.
- No identifying personal information should be included in this document.
- Texts originating, in whole or in part, from artificial intelligence platforms (such as ChatGPT and other similar tools) are not eligible.
- Submissions must be emailed to accutecwcontest@gmail.com by the deadline with the subject “[PROSE / POETRY] Submission 2027.”
- In the body of the email, please provide your full name, story or poem title, academic institution, mailing address, email address, and phone number.

Timeline:

The deadline to submit entries is **Friday, January 15, 2027, 11:59PM Eastern Time.**

Winners and finalists will be announced in March.

For more details or questions, please contact: accutecwcontest@gmail.com