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2023 STANNER AWARD

Conditions of entry

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Award Information

About the Stanner Award

- The Stanner Award is open to Indigenous Australians over 18 years of age who have written a scholarly manuscript in the area of Australian Indigenous studies, and which is not fiction or poetry.
- The Stanner Award is presented every two years.
- The winner receives:
 - \$5000 prize money.
 - a glass sculpture by award-winning artist Jenni Kemarre Martiniello, inscribed with their name.
 - publication of the winning manuscript by Aboriginal Studies Press.
 - up to 50 hours of mentoring and editorial support to prepare the manuscript for publishing by Aboriginal Studies Press.
 - up to \$500 (not including travel or accommodation) for out-of-pocket expenses the winner may incur during the editing process.
- Winning authors are expected to participate in media activities associated with the award. Commended authors may be required to do the same. AIATSIS meets the reasonable costs of attendance at media events.

Who can enter

The Stanner Award is open to Indigenous Australians over 18 years of age. The award's criteria for an Indigenous Australian are that the person must:

- be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent; **and**
- identify as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander; **and**
- be accepted as such by the community in which she or he lives or has lived.

Entrants must authenticate their Indigeneity by **one** of the following two methods:

- submission of a Confirmation of Aboriginality form certified by an Indigenous community organisation whose executive committee is made up of at least 75 per cent Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander members; **OR**
- provision of contact details of two Indigenous Australian referees who are current board members of an Indigenous community organisation and meet the above criteria and can support the entrant's claims against the above criteria. Referees must be contactable between 28 February and 30 June 2023.

Submitted manuscripts will not be eligible if the entrant's claim cannot be authenticated.

You **may not** enter the Stanner Award if you are:

- a member of the AIATSIS Council and Research Advisory Committee
- a previous winner of the Stanner Award. If you previously entered the award but did not win, you may enter subsequent awards with a **new** manuscript. Previously submitted manuscripts will not be accepted.

You **may** enter the Stanner Award if you are an Australian Indigenous AIATSIS staff member or Australian Indigenous visiting researcher and meet the above criteria.

About entering the award

- There is no entry fee.
- Entries must be accompanied by an Entry Form.
- The manuscript must be the original work of the author or authors and must not infringe the rights of others.
- Entrants may have had other work published previously, but the submitted work must not have been previously published in whole or in part (if that part constitutes more than 20 per cent of the manuscript); this does not include a thesis appearing in a university repository).
- The manuscript must **not** be under consideration by other publishers or currently entered into other awards. Aboriginal Studies Press has the right to consider all manuscripts submitted for the award for publication, and will advise entrants of the outcome by 8 August 2023; after this date authors are free to submit their manuscripts elsewhere.
- Manuscripts submitted to previous Stanner Awards, or to Aboriginal Studies Press for publication, are not eligible; however, manuscripts that have been previously submitted to **other** publishers for publication are eligible.
- Entrants may submit one entry only, either as an individual author or as one of up to three joint authors, but not both. (Up to three authors may have collaborated on the manuscript. Collections will not be accepted.)
- If there are two or three authors use **one** entry form. Each author must sign the entry form. Unsigned entry forms are not accepted.
- Manuscripts must be between 60,000 and 120,000 words. All preliminary and end matter material, notes and references should be included in the total word count.
- Entry submissions must include a synopsis summarising what the manuscript is about. This must not exceed one page and should include the title of the thesis at the top, but not the author names.
- Author names should appear on the entry form only, and not on the manuscript or summary. Manuscripts are numbered when received to ensure impartial judging.
- **Entries open 1 July 2022**; submissions received before this date will not be accepted.

- **Entries close 5pm AEST, 28 February 2023.** Late submissions will not be accepted; however, entries post-marked 28 February 2023 but that arrive after this date **will** be accepted.
- Receipt of submissions is acknowledged by email.
- Manuscripts will **not** be returned. Send only electronic copies of work.
- Email entries to asp@aiatsis.gov.au with subject line “2023 Stanner Award submission”.

Presenting and formatting your manuscript

- Only digital manuscripts delivered electronically will be accepted.
- Send two copies of your manuscript:
 - One Word document
 - One pdf version of the Word document
 (this is to ensure that we have an exact copy of your original Word document).
- Text is to be set in 12 pt Times New Roman.
- Text is to be double spaced, with 2.5 cm margins on all sides.
- The title and a page number should appear on every page, as either a header or footer.
- All pages should be numbered sequentially and not by chapter.
- Author names should only appear on the entry form and **not** anywhere on the manuscript or synopsis.
- The manuscript must be written in English and include English translations of any text in other languages.
- If manuscripts do not meet the conditions of entry, they will not be accepted.

Judging

- Three judges assess the manuscripts on the following criteria (in no particular order):
 - scholarly merit.
 - contribution to the advancement of knowledge of the subject matter.
 - strength in the promotion of, and contribution to, greater awareness, understanding and acceptance of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander intellectual traditions, cultures and identities.
 - potential to be read by a broad audience as a published book.
- The decision of the judges will be final, and no correspondence will be entered into.
- The judges may not award the prize if no entry is deemed to be of an appropriate standard.
- Judges are selected for their expertise and experience. Aboriginal Studies Press administers the award, and its staff are not involved in judging manuscripts.
- Judges may commend manuscripts they deem of exceptional quality.

Publication by Aboriginal Studies Press

- Aboriginal Studies Press reserves the right of first option to publish the winning manuscript (after editing). Publication is subject to an agreed contract with the publisher's usual terms.
- The winner is required to work collaboratively with an experienced mentor and / or editor selected by Aboriginal Studies Press.
- Aboriginal Studies Press also reserves the right of first option to publish all other manuscripts submitted for the Stanner Award, and will advise authors of the outcome of their decision by 8 August 2023; after this date authors are free to submit their manuscripts elsewhere.

Enquiries

Please direct any enquiries to the Production Manager (Christine Bruderlin) at Aboriginal Studies Press on (02) 6246 1108 or email asp@aiatsis.gov.au.