



THE NEW ZEALAND  
SOCIETY OF AUTHORS  
(PEN NEW ZEALAND INGI TE PUNI KAITIHI O AOTEAROA)

## Janet Frame Memorial Award for Literature 2016 – Terms & Conditions

In August 2007 The Janet Frame Literary Trust generously gave the Society a gift to enable New Zealand Society of Authors (PEN NZ Inc) to give a biennial award in Janet Frame's name to be given to an author of literary or imaginative fiction, or poetry. The gift enabled five awards over 10 years and this is the last in the series.

This came about because Janet Frame, who died in 2004, directed that her ongoing royalty income be used to support New Zealand writers of poetry and imaginative fiction.

Janet Frame herself had benefited from the boost given by similar often timely financial assistance and professional recognition throughout her long career. Janet Frame was a member of the Society and the recipient of many awards, prizes, grants, fellowships and scholarships, none more well-timed than the New Zealand Society of Authors' (then the NZ PEN Centre) Hubert Church award in 1951 for her first book, *The Lagoon and other stories*. The publicity for this honour convinced her doctors not to carry out a planned lobotomy, which would in all likelihood have ended her literary aspirations.

### The Award

A grant of \$3000.

The purpose of this award is to support a mid-career or established author to further a literary career.

### Applications

- The deadline for applications is 21 October.
- Applicants should submit an outline of the purposes to which the grant will be put and a CV containing their writing history.
- Material submitted will not be returned unless accompanied by a stamped self-addressed envelope of sufficient size.
- Previous winners are not entitled to reapply within four years of winning the award.
- The applications will be judged by a panel of three qualified people.
- The panel decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- The shortlist and the award winner will be announced in the New Zealand Society of Authors (NZSA) Literary Bulletin and on the authors.org.nz website. NZSA will also produce a media release that will be distributed to media outlets.

## Criteria

- The award may be used for things such as travel, computer equipment or to buy time to write.
- The award is open to authors of literary/imaginative fiction and poetry who are members of the NZSA.
- The award will be made on the basis of applicant's prior work, as set out in their curriculum vitae that must accompany their application.
- It is envisaged that the award will be given to mid-career and established authors and preference will be given to applicants with a substantial literary track record.
- The award may be held concurrently with another literary grant.

## Conditions of Acceptance

The Janet Frame Memorial Award must be acknowledged in any publication it has helped to foster.

The successful recipient will be required to send a progress report to the Society twelve months from the granting of the award.