Since 2006, the University of Guelph has offered an innovative Master of Fine Arts (MFA) Program in Creative Writing, housed in the University of Guelph-Humber building in Toronto. The program is structured to nurture and support diverse voices and wide imaginaries. Our distinguished faculty and acclaimed graduates recognize the power of language to summon a different world. Defining characteristics include the plenary courses, the participation of a range of writers from Canada and abroad, individual mentorships, class visits from professionals, and alliances with cultural organizations in the Toronto area.

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Program
Required courses: three workshops, two reading-based plenary courses, an individual mentorship with a professional writer, and a book-length thesis project.
Workshops: creative non-fiction, drama, fiction, poetry, writing the decolonial, and hybrid forms and mixed-mode narratives.

Faculty Expertise
- Creative Non-Fiction
- Drama
- Fiction
- Poetry
- Writing the Decolonial
- Hybrid Forms and Mixed-Mode Narratives

Admission Requirements
- Baccalaureate degree in an honours program, or equivalent, from a recognized degree-granting institution. No requirement as to the discipline in which the degree was earned.
- An average standing of at least second-class honours (B-) in last four semesters of study.
- A limited number of students may be admitted to the MFA without having satisfied the degree requirements and/or academic standing requirement set out above.

Application Deadline:
December 7, 2020
Entry: Fall 2021

Training
The program provides students with various opportunities to connect with the arts and culture community, and to make contact with well-established writers from across Canada and abroad. In its curriculum and through the writers who participate as workshop instructors, mentors, and visitors, the MFA program has both a national and an international reach, while taking full advantage of its location in Toronto. We offer fall Master Classes in partnership with Harbourfront’s International Festival of Authors and provide extracurricular pedagogical opportunities such as teaching creative writing in local schools through the Parkdale Project. Numerous other links – such as the Eden Mills Writers’ Festival, Humber College, and Toronto theatres – provide MFA students with extraordinary possibilities for professional development.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN:
- Literary creation within a specific genre or across genres
- Dramatic creation
- Writing pedagogy

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:
- Writer
- Editor
- Teacher/Professor
- Publishing
- Any profession that requires highly sophisticated language and narrative skills

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“The experience of working towards an MFA in creative writing was one of the most rewarding journeys of my life. I was not only able to complete and publish my first novel and enrich my spoken word practice, I was also introduced to a new community of colleagues and friends along the way.” - Andrea Thompson, Creative Writing (MFA), 2010 Cohort