

Creative Writing: MFA

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 that address how writers engage with the world and their craft, 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: fiction, poetry, drama, writing for screen, creative non-fiction, hybrid forms and mixed-mode narratives, and writing the decolonial.

Faculty Expertise

- Fiction
- Poetry
- Drama
- Writing for Screen
- Creative Non-Fiction
- Hybrid Forms and Mixed-Mode Narratives
- Writing the Decolonial

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 1, 2025
Entry: Fall 2026



"I entered the Creative Writing MFA program looking for rigour and structure. What I found was the space to explore my style, the support to experiment with form, and the courage to shed the old skin that once restrained me from embracing my writer self."

– Simone Dalton, Creative Writing MFA, Class of 2018

Training

The program provides students with various opportunities to connect with the arts and culture community, and to connect 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 the Toronto International Festival of Authors and provide extra-curricular 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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