



PRESS RELEASE: Boundless Indigenous Writer's Mentorship

Presented by Text Publishing and Writing NSW

Applications open Tuesday 12 June 2018

Applications close Monday 13 August 2018

Text Publishing and Writing NSW are proud to announce an exciting opportunity for an early career Indigenous writer from anywhere in Australia.

The Boundless Indigenous Writer's Mentorship aims to discover and nurture a powerful new Indigenous voice in Australian literature.

This joint initiative will provide a year-long structured mentorship to an unpublished Indigenous writer who has made substantial progress on a manuscript of fiction or nonfiction.

Kerry Reed-Gilbert, Chair of the First Nations Australia Writers Network, states:

This mentorship is an exciting opportunity for an emerging writer to further develop their literary skills from the first page to the finished publication. Congratulations to Writing NSW and Text Publishing for this exciting project, one that assists in facilitating a professional career for First Nations Australia Writers.

The recipient of the Mentorship will be paired with a senior Indigenous writer working in the same genre for the year-long mentorship providing feedback on their manuscript and professional advice.

They will also receive professional development from Text Publishing and Writing NSW, and both the recipient and mentor will be sponsored to attend Boundless—a festival for diverse writers held in Sydney in 2019.

The inaugural Boundless Indigenous Writer's Mentorship will open for applications on **Tuesday 12 June 2018** and close on **Monday 13 August 2018**. It will be judged by multi-award-winning Wiradjuri author Tara June Winch, alongside representatives from Text Publishing and Writing NSW. Tara June Winch states:

The opportunity to work with a master is not only significant for the emerging writer, but also for the mentoring author. The process they undergo is as old and sacred as our culture, the handing down of the skills and tools needed to one day be passed down again and again. Being able to teach and to learn in such a close and guided fellowship is a once in a career moment.

For more information on the Boundless Indigenous Writer's Mentorship go to writingnsw.org.au

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