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## THE KINDNESS OF PATRONS

### Introducing the *ABR* Patrons' Fellowship

*Australian Book Review* seeks applications for the inaugural **ABR Patrons' Fellowship**, a major new program as the magazine nears its fiftieth birthday in 2011.

The Fellowship scheme is intended to reward outstanding Australian writers, to enhance *ABR* through the publication of major works of literary journalism, and to advance the magazine's commitment to critical debates and literary values. It is hoped that two to three Fellowships will be offered each year.

**We are seeking a substantial article, either a profile of a major literary figure or a discursive essay with literary/cultural themes.**

**The Fellowship is worth \$5000.**

Senior writers with strong publication records are encouraged to apply. They have until **1 September** to do so.

The **ABR Patrons' Fellowship** is funded by our Patrons, of whom we now have close to seventy. We gratefully acknowledge the generosity of our Patrons, who have supported the magazine through tax-deductible donations of \$250 or more. These donations are vital for the magazine's future.

*'The best journal of words and ideas. Supporters can be proud of their judgement.'*  
John Bryson, author and *ABR* Patron

**Full guidelines are attached and are also available on our website:  
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# **ABR PATRONS' FELLOWSHIP GUIDELINES**

## **WHO CAN APPLY?**

The **ABR Patrons' Fellowship** is open to established Australian writers. The successful applicant will be a senior writer, scholar, journalist or commentator with a strong publication record. This particular *ABR* initiative is not aimed at students or emerging writers.

## **EXPECTED OUTCOMES**

The Fellow will be expected to complete the project within **six months**. He or she will produce an article of between **6000 and 10,000 words** for publication in the magazine. The Fellow will spend up to a week at the *ABR* office in Melbourne and will take part in a round-table discussion with staff, interns and contributors, and in a public event. The Fellow will also be available for any media commitments that arise in the promotion of the Fellowship program.

## **WHAT IS ABR OFFERING?**

The *ABR* Patrons' Fellow will receive **\$5000** – half on commencement of the Fellowship, half on its satisfactory completion. The Fellow will receive **one Economy return fare** to Melbourne (if necessary). Office space and a computer will be available during the Fellow's visit to the *ABR* office. No contribution to accommodation costs is possible. The Fellow will work closely with the Editor of *ABR*.

## **SELECTION PROCESS**

The Fellowship will be awarded by *Australian Book Review* on the advice of a committee comprising the Editor of *ABR*, a senior journalist/commentator and an *ABR* Patron. No correspondence will be entered into once the decision has been announced. *ABR* reserves the right not to award a Fellowship during a particular round.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

The program is open to Australian citizens and permanent Australian residents. *ABR* staff and Board members are of course ineligible. Other contributors to the magazine are encouraged to apply.

## **HOW TO APPLY?**

A succinct but comprehensive **two-page proposal** is required, plus a **two-page CV**. Entries must be received by **1 September 2010**. Printed applications are required (faxed or emailed ones will not be processed). There is **no entry fee**.

Submit proposals to:  
**ABR Patrons' Fellowship**  
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## **TIMING**

Entries close on **1 September 2010**.

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