

THE DAVID T. K. WONG FELLOWSHIP

The David T. K. Wong Fellowship is a unique and generous annual award of £26,000 to enable a fiction writer who wants to write in English about East and Southeast Asia to spend a year in the UK, at the University of East Anglia in Norwich. The Fellowship is named for its sponsor, the late Mr David T.K. Wong, a Hong Kong businessman who was also a teacher, journalist, senior civil servant, and a writer of fiction. The Fellowship was launched in 1997 and the first Fellow appointed from 1998. You can find out more about the Fellowship at <https://www.uea.ac.uk/about/school-of-literature-drama-and-creative-writing/creative-writing/writing-fellowship/david-tk-wong-fellowship>.

The Fellow joins a community of writers founded by Sir Angus Wilson and Sir Malcolm Bradbury in 1971. Our graduates include Ayobami Adebayo, Tash Aw, John Boyne, Tracy Chevalier, Anne Enright, Diana Evans, Emma Healey, Kazuo Ishiguro, Toby Litt and Ian McEwan. Previous David T.K. Wong Fellows are: Po Wah Lam (1998), José Dalisay (1999), Simone Lazaroo (2000), Liisa Laing (2001), Wendy Law-Yone (2002), Lakambini Sitoy (2003), Rattawut Lapcharoensap (2004), Linh Dinh (2005), Mulaika Hijjas (2006), Balli Jaswal (2007), Nam Le (2008), Hanh Hoang (2009), Chau Tran (2010), Presca Ahn (2011), Ramesh Pillay (2012), Sharlene Teo (2013), Jack Wang (2014), Violet Kupersmith (2015), Meng Jin (2016), Nathaniel Go (2017), Melissa Fu (2018), Joe Milan Jr (2019), Che Yeun (2020), John Bengan (2021), Mishi Saran (2022), Zing Zhao (2023) and Doua Thao (2024).

Terms and Conditions

Applications for the Fellowship will be considered from established published as well as unpublished writers of any age and any nationality. **If you are not a UK citizen, please visit the UK Border Agency Website at <https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa> to check if you need a visa before you can take up the Fellowship.**

The Fellowship will be awarded to a writer planning to produce a work of prose fiction in English which deals seriously with some aspect of life in East and Southeast Asia (Brunei, Cambodia, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Laos, Macau, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Peoples' Republic of China, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam). The successful candidate will be selected by a distinguished international panel. There will be no interviews, and candidates will be judged entirely on the quality and promise of their writing and the project they describe.

Fellows take up their appointments on 1st October each year. The Fellow will be a member of the School of Literature, Drama and Creative Writing and will be required to reside at the University of East Anglia, Norwich, United Kingdom for the academic year, accommodation will be provided on campus, to be paid for by the Fellow out of the Fellowship Award. Shared office space and computer facilities will be made available for the Fellow in the School. During the residential period, the Fellow will be required to submit written work to a nominated mentor and take part in Creative Writing Research Seminars. No teaching duties attach to the Fellowship.

The stipend is intended to cover all costs associated with the fellowship, including but not limited to travel, visa, and accommodation. No additional funding is available to cover such costs.

Application Procedure

Completed application forms should be submitted together with a typescript of an original unpublished piece of fiction of not more than 2,500 words (please include word count on the first page), written in English. **This must be a sample of the project applicants would undertake if awarded the Fellowship.**

All submissions must be accompanied by a completed application form and online payment of the £10.00 Sterling application fee. Do not include any additional documentation or materials. Work submitted cannot be returned to applicants.

You can email your application to the Fellowship Administrator as a PDF file at davidtkwongfellowship@uea.ac.uk. If you wish to print your application and send by post, please do not staple or otherwise bind the sheets of your typescript together. Postal applications should be addressed to:

Fellowship Administrator
The David T.K. Wong Fellowship
School of Literature, Drama and Creative Writing
University of East Anglia
Norwich, NR4 7TJ, United Kingdom

Applications are open from 6 January until 23:59 (GMT) on 28 February 2025. Applications or incomplete applications will not be accepted after this deadline.