



Writing Producers' Scheme FAQs - Frequently Asked Questions

Who is a Producer?

Writing producers are simply those who wish to create or already run writing initiatives.

Who can apply for the Writing Producers' Scheme?

We welcome applications from producers living and working in the upper South-West (Somerset, Wiltshire, Gloucestershire, and South Gloucestershire). In a small number of cases, we may be able to accept producers from further afield in the South West where there is a clear case for diversity or innovation.

As we are keen to broaden the range of voices in the world of writing and publishing, we are especially eager to hear from people from backgrounds currently under-represented. This includes those who support under-represented writers, such as educators.

Those who apply for this scheme must value creativity and be organised, with a practical mindset. This means you may be a writer yourself, or work with creative people. We welcome applicants with a range of experience and skills, from people at the start of their careers who can demonstrate talent, through to experienced professionals. Most importantly, you have ideas around how to support writers and writing in the South-West and are committed to creating viable, sustainable models of that support.

How could the Writing Producers' scheme help me?

Successful applicants can propose ideas for writing initiatives and projects. You may have a project that you want to launch or an existing initiative that needs support. We will help candidates make this project happen by providing a sponsored 1-2-1 mentoring session as well as a place on our 2020 Dare to Write? Academy Habit Camp. Producers can use the scheme to incubate ideas, and get mentoring and support for writing funding proposals.

All successful applicants will receive an events pass, gaining free access to events provided in collaboration with the Dare to Write? Academy. You will also be able to access a coworking space in Palace Yard Mews, central Bath.

In addition to providing mentoring support, producers will have the option to be added to a **database of writing producers** within the upper South-West region. The database may be shared with other organisations who have paid opportunities for writing producers and/or educators.



How do I apply and what are the deadlines?

If you have an idea for a project and want to apply, fill in an informal expression of interest (EOI) via www.papernations.org. The EOI form will take about 15 minutes to complete. It will require you to tell us about yourself, your experience, and your project idea. The deadline to submit your EOI is Thursday 12th March at midday.

In early April 2020, based on the EOI, some applicants will be invited to fill out a full application form. We aim to notify selected applicants who have received a place on the Writing Producers' Scheme by early May 2020.

Email writers@papernations.org for more information.

What happens if I'm successful?

If you are selected, we will ask you to keep journals of your progress and document your work through any of the following: short written reports or surveys, a blog for the Paper Nations website, and quotes to be used on public-facing media.

Your experiences will be showcased as part of our Writing for All events planned for 2020-2021. You will be expected to demonstrate the impact of the commission on your creative practice. We will provide templates and support to help you do this.

You will also be invited to participate in occasional events and meetings from May 2020 onwards. These are not compulsory.

Who will judge my application?

Applicants will be judged by an award-winning team of experienced educators, entrepreneurs and writing producers including Bambo Soyinka, Amy Spencer and [Lucy Sweetman](#).

What is Paper Nations?

Paper Nations is a creative writing incubator based at Bath Spa University. Our 2019-21 programme, *Writing for All*, is focused on making writing part of every community in our region. The Writing Producers' Scheme will be delivered in partnership with our Dare to Write? Academy, with the goal of incubating a supportive community of writing producers.

As I have access requirements, can I access support to complete my application form?

Yes. Just email writers@papernations.org for any support you need or if your question is not answered here.

I struggle with technology - can you help me?



As our application forms are run through Google Forms, we are very happy to help anyone who isn't confident with this technology. If you are struggling in any way or are simply a bit nervous about filling in the form, please get in touch via writers@papernations.org.

Exceptions:

The scheme is not open to staff of Bath Spa University, including casual staff and staff that have left employment in the last three years. Former undergraduate and postgraduate students may apply.

Related Opportunity:

We are also open to hearing from writing producers who are looking to work for Paper Nations on our Writing for All programme. If you are interested in supporting Paper Nations' own projects as a producer please fill out [an Expression of Interest form](#).