

## Prize Rules

This information is about how to apply for the Bruntwood Prize for Playwriting 2025.

You should look at this information carefully even if you have applied before.

You must enter your script before 6pm GMT Thursday 9th January 2025.

You can only apply via this website.

If you need help to apply or understand the rules, you can contact

[bruntwood.prize@royalexchange.co.uk](mailto:bruntwood.prize@royalexchange.co.uk)

## Who Can Enter?

You must be 16 or over.

You are allowed to enter if you have previously received a Commendation, or been on the Shortlist or the Longlist for a previous round of the Prize.

You can enter the Bruntwood Prize Award and Judges Award if you live in

- the UK
- the Republic of Ireland
- British Overseas Territory

or if you have a British Forces Post Office address.

You can only enter the Bruntwood Prize International Award if you have been invited to by an international partner organisation: Australia Plays Transform, Melbourne Theatre Company, Playwrights Horizons, Stratford Festival and Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company.

You can enter the International Award if you have been invited to anonymously submit by one of our International Partners:

- Australia Plays Transform
- Melbourne Theatre Company

- Playwrights Horizons
- Stratford Festival
- Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company

No other entries made by international applicants can be considered at this time.

You can enter the North West Original New Voice Award and Residency if you:

- live in the North West of England. You can see what this means here [Final Map Poster \(artscouncil.org.uk\)](http://artscouncil.org.uk)
- have not had a full-length play professionally produced for 12 performances or more in a venue.

### **About Your Script**

Your play must be at least one hour long.

You must own all the rights to your script.

You must enter your script anonymously. This means the judges will read the scripts without knowing who wrote them.

You can lay out the text in your script however you like.

You can enter a play that you have written together with someone else.

You should not put your name, your contact details or your agent's name on your script.

Your play must not be attached to any other theatre or company.

Your play must not have been performed or produced professionally before.

Your script cannot be:

- a musical
- an existing book or play that you have adapted or translated
- a play written just for young audiences

## **About Your Application**

The judges will never see your name or details.

Only the Bruntwood & Literary Coordinator can see your contact details.

You should use an email address that you check often. This is so that you do not miss any emails from us.

## **The Longlist**

The Top 100 scripts is called the Longlist.

We will announce the Longlist on Thursday 17th April 2025.

The list will be on this website.

If your play is in the Longlist we will give you feedback.

We will do this before the end of 2025.

When the Longlist is announced, the judges will still not know who wrote which script.

This is why we will announce the list on this website and not by email to you.

We are not able to give feedback on scripts that are not in the Longlist.

## **The Shortlist**

The Shortlist is a list of the judges' Top 15 plays.

If you are in the Shortlist we will contact you by phone.

If you are in the Shortlist you will be invited to the award ceremony.

The award ceremony will take place on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025.

If your play wins one of the prizes, your script will be under option to the Royal Exchange Theatre for 2 years.

This means that the Royal Exchange Theatre might produce your play in the 2 years.

Nobody else can produce your play while it is under option to the Royal Exchange Theatre.

Being under option does not mean your play will be produced by the Royal Exchange Theatre.

If the Royal Exchange Theatre does produce your play, you will not receive fees for writing the script.

You will get the prize money instead.

You will still get money from box office and a fee for attending rehearsals.

### **After Applying**

When you have finished your application, you will get an email from us.

The email will say that we have got your application.

It could take an hour for the email to arrive.

Don't forget to check your junk mail.

If you:

- do not receive your email
- make a mistake when applying
- need help with your application

please email us at [bruntwood.prize@royalexchange.co.uk](mailto:bruntwood.prize@royalexchange.co.uk)