

## Bruntwood Prize rules



This information is about how to apply for the **Bruntwood Prize for Playwriting 2022**.



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



You must enter your script before **Monday 6th June 2022 at 6pm**.



If you need help to apply or understand the rules, you can contact [bruntwood.prize@royalexchange.co.uk](mailto:bruntwood.prize@royalexchange.co.uk)

We will aim to get back to you within 24 hours.

## Who can enter?



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.



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- [https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/sites/default/files/download-file/Map\\_area\\_boundaries.pdf](https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/sites/default/files/download-file/Map_area_boundaries.pdf)
- have not had a full-length play produced for 12 performances or more in a professional venue.



You must be 16 or over.

There is no maximum age.

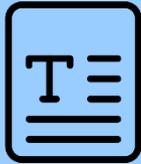


You can not enter a script if you have ever won a Bruntwood competition before.

You are allowed to enter if you have entered before and been on the Shortlist or the Longlist.

The Shortlist and Longlist are explained later in this document.

## About your script



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

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

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 must own all the rights to your script.



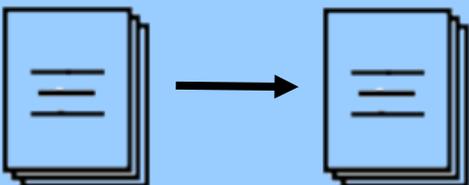
Your play must **not** be attached to any other theatre or company.

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



Your play must be an hour long or more.

You should read your script out loud to make sure it is long enough.



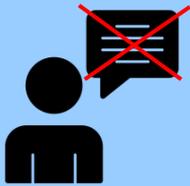
Your script can **not** be:

- a play or musical that already exists that you have adapted or translated
- a play written just for young audiences

## The Longlist



You must enter your script before Monday 6th June, 2022 at 6pm.



We will not be able to tell you if we have read your script before September 2022.



The top 100 scripts is called the **Longlist**.



We will announce the Longlist in September 2022. 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 2022.



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 can not 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.  
This will be in November 2022.

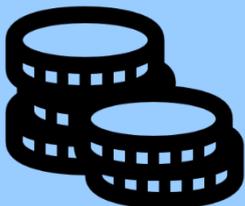


If your play wins one of the prizes, your script will be under option to the Royal Exchange Theatre for 2 years.

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 definitely 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.

## Help with applying



If you need help or make a mistake with applying, you can contact [bruntwood.prize@royalexchange.co.uk](mailto:bruntwood.prize@royalexchange.co.uk)

We can not help you with writing your play. We can only help you with the application process.

We will aim to get back to you within 24 hours.



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



The judges will never see your name or details.

Only the Bruntwood Prize Coordinator can see your contact details.



You should use an email address you check often.

This is so that you do not miss any emails from us.

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