

2017 Conditions of Entry

The Ashurst Business Literature Prize, previously the Blake Dawson Business Literature Prize, was originally established to encourage the highest standards of commentary in the fields of business and finance, and to make the general reader better informed about Australia's commercial life and its participants. It is Australia's most important and largest award for business writing.

The range of subjects eligible for submission include:

- corporate and commercial literature;
- accounts and analyses of corporate affairs;
- biographies of business men and women;
- works addressing the history of commercial life and its participants; and
- works addressing international commercial life and its participants.

Authors must be Australian citizens or hold permanent resident status.

The Ashurst Business Literature Prize is administered by the State Library of NSW on behalf of Ashurst.

The annual winner will receive prize money of \$30,000. A shortlist and winner will be announced in early 2018.

Entries close 5pm, Friday 10 November 2017

Eligible authors

- The author(s) must be a living Australian citizen or hold permanent resident status.
- If the nominee dies or ceases to hold permanent resident status or citizenship after his or her work has been nominated, the judges will consider his or her work for the Prize. If the judges make the award to an eligible nominee, however, and that nominee dies before the award is made, the prize money may be paid, at the State Library's discretion, to the nominee's estate.
- Books produced by an editor who is not the author of the original works compiled, or books consisting of contributions from a number of writers, are not eligible for the Ashurst Business Literature Prize.
- Titles with joint authorship will be considered for the Ashurst Business Literature Prize, but both authors must be Australian citizens or hold permanent resident status.
- Ashurst and the State Library of NSW encourage winning and shortlisted authors of the Ashurst Business Literature Prize to be available to undertake activities to promote this Prize, up to and including the next year the Prize is presented. Activities may include media interviews (face to face or via electronic means), photographs or personal appearances at functions promoting the prize and author events at the State Library of NSW, Ashurst offices or the NSW public library network.

Eligible works

- The work will have primary reference to business or financial affairs, business or financial institutions, or people directly associated with business and financial affairs.
- The work will be written in the English language, published in book form and consist of a minimum length of 50,000 words.
- Consistent with the preamble to the guidelines, the work will be one which is calculated to better inform the general reader about commercial life and its participants authored by an Australian citizen or permanent resident.
- **Eligible books must have been first published between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017**, and be commercially available in Australia within this period.
- Revised editions of books will not be considered unless the revisions are so substantial that the book is, in effect, a new work. It is the nominator's responsibility to identify the new material and to include one copy of the original edition as part of the nomination.

Entry Fee

Please note that the entry fee is **\$66 (including GST)** per title, and credit card (Mastercard or Visa) payments are made online as part of the nomination process.

If paying by cheque, please make payable to the **State Library of New South Wales**.

General

- Works may be entered by a publisher, agent or author.
- It is essential that those nominating works on behalf of others obtain permission from them and provide direct contact details for the author.
- There is no limit to the number of entries that may be entered by a nominator or author provided the works entered meet all other conditions of entry.
- Nominations must be made via the online entry form on the State Library of NSW website <https://awards.sl.nsw.gov.au/ashurst2017>. Up to 5 entries can be made on the one online form; if nominating more than 5 works, please complete and submit another form/s.

- In some cases additional copies of the work may be requested by the judges. As a condition of entry, books cannot be returned.
- The State Library of NSW will acknowledge receipt of nominations via email.
- The Ashurst Business Literature Prize will be judged by an independent committee whose decision will be final. No correspondence or discussion will be entered into concerning the decision.
- The judges may determine that the Ashurst Business Literature Prize not be awarded if the nominated works are not considered to be of sufficient merit.
- The judges shall have the discretion to divide the prize equally between authors of entries they consider to be of equal merit. In the event, that the judges decide on two worthy winners, each winner will be awarded \$15,000.
- Judges may admit or reject certain books under extraordinary conditions and the judges' reports will reflect this process; the panel may, through State Library of NSW staff, take action as it considers appropriate to encourage the nomination of eligible works not already entered.
- It is the policy of the State Library of NSW that Award recipients have not or will not engage in behaviour that would be seen to bring the Award into disrepute. The State Library of NSW reserves the right to conduct criminal record checks if deemed necessary. The State Library of NSW has the right to withdraw the offer of prize money or demand the return of prize money already paid if it is discovered that any of the information provided in the application is false.
- A shortlist of no more than six books, from which the winner of the Ashurst Business Literature Prize will be chosen, will be released in early 2018. The winner will be announced in the first half of 2018.
- Unsuccessful nominees will not be personally advised of the results.
- The provision of prize money may be subject to GST.

The Judging Process

The judges will assess all nominated works. The judges may consider the following criteria:

- literary merit
- quality of research
- scholarship and analysis
- the work's contribution to an understanding of the subject.

Privacy Statement

The State Library of NSW is subject to the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998* (PPIP Act) which requires us to comply with Information Protection Principles.

The State Library of NSW collects the minimum personal information necessary to process an application and administer the Ashurst Business Literature Prize. The State Library of NSW is required to collect personal information directly from the individual to whom the information relates unless the individual has authorised collection of the information from someone else.

Nominations for the prize must only be submitted with the authors' consent and knowledge of the State Library of NSW Privacy Notice. We will only use the personal information on the online application form for the purpose for which it has been provided and for directly related purposes such as contacting the applicant, assessing the merits of a nomination and to promote shortlisted and winning applicants and their works. We will not disclose the personal information without the consent of the individual to whom the personal information relates, except for directly related purposes such as judging and to promote shortlisted and winning applicants or where another Act or law authorises or requires us to do so.

The individual to whom the personal information on this form relates has a right of access to, and correction of, the personal information collected. The personal information will be held at the State Library of NSW, Macquarie St, Sydney NSW 2000.

Please email privacy@sl.nsw.gov.au for further information.

Right to Information

Under some circumstances, information pertaining to nominations and administration of the prize may be released, subject to consultation, in response to an application request made in accordance with the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009*.

Nomination Checklist

1. Read the 2017 Ashurst Business Literature Prize guidelines, including the Privacy Notice
2. Complete the online application form <https://awards.sl.nsw.gov.au/ashurst2017>
3. Submit nominations online via the State Library of NSW website by **5pm, Friday 10**

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Each nomination must include:

- 5 hard copies of each title
- Appropriate payment

For more information contact:

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