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Australia's top business literature prize to encompass Australian works on global topics

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For the first time in its decade-long history, the \$30,000 Ashurst Business Literature Prize will be open to Australian authored works addressing international and global commercial life and its participants.

Nominations for the Prize, Australia's largest and most important award for business literature, open today [Wednesday 6 November].

The prestigious prize was originally established by law firm Ashurst (formerly Blake Dawson) and the State Library of NSW to encourage the highest possible standards of literary commentary on Australian business and financial affairs written by an Australian author.

The range of subjects covered by the prize includes corporate and commercial literature, histories, accounts and analyses of corporate affairs as well as biographies of business people. As in previous years, authors must be Australian citizens or permanent residents in order to be eligible.

According to Ashurst Chairman Mary Padbury: "In an increasingly globalising world, Australians want, and need, to be better informed about international commercial life.

"We recognise that Australian authors are producing insightful and well researched books on national and international subjects and, by expanding the scope of the prize, we hope writers are encouraged to continue producing works that better inform the reader about all aspects of commercial life," Ms Padbury said.

Last year's prize was won by the award-winning journalist and author Peter Hartcher for *The Sweet Spot. How Australia made its own luck – and could now throw it all away* (Black Inc.).

The Ashurst Business Literature Prize is administered by the State Library of NSW. Books eligible for nomination must have been first published between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013, and be commercially available in Australia within this period.
Nominations are now open and will close on Friday 6 December 2013.

The winner will be announced in mid-2013.

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