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Entries now open for the National Biography Award 2021

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Entries are now open for Australia's richest prize for biographical writing and memoir – the National Biography Award 2021, with a total of \$42,000 awarded across two prize categories.

The overall winner will receive \$25,000, with \$5,000 awarded to the best debut biography or memoir. In addition, each shortlisted author will receive \$2,000.

The National Biography Award is administered by the State Library of NSW and proudly supported by the Nelson Meers Foundation since 2018.

Established in 1996 by Dr Geoffrey Cains and generously supported for many years by the late Michael Crouch AC, the National Biography Award encourages the highest standards of writing in the fields of biography and autobiography and promotes public interest in these genres.

Tiberius with a Telephone: The Life and Stories of William McMahon (Scribe Publications) by Patrick Mullins won the 2020 National Biography Award. The Michael Crouch Award for a Debut Work was presented to Jessica White for her skillful interweaving of biography and memoir in *Hearing Maud* (UWA Publishing).

There will be an extended nomination period to allow for the Christmas and New Year break, with entries for the 2021 Award closing on Monday 8 February 2021.

The online nomination form and guidelines are available on the State Library's website: www.sl.nsw.gov.au/about-library-awards/national-biography-award

The winner will be announced at the State Library of NSW in August 2021.

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