



# Crime Writers of Canada

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## 2026 Awards of Excellence: Juror Expression of Interest

**\*\* You are not committing to serve by returning this form, only agreeing to receive further information.**

**You will not be assigned to a jury without your express agreement.**

**Please complete Pages 1 & 2. The survey on Pages 3-5 is voluntary.**

**Return form to the person who sent it and/or to [awardsjudging@crimewriterscanada.com](mailto:awardsjudging@crimewriterscanada.com)**

First Name	
Last name	
Business Name (If applicable)	
City/town	
Province	
Telephone number	
E-mail	
What makes you a good candidate for judging crime fiction (e.g. librarian, crime fiction reader, crime writer, etc.)	



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**Category Preference:** Please select the top three (3) categories you would prefer by placing a 1, 2 or 3 beside them (one (1) being your first choice, etc). Every effort is made to match jurors with their preferred categories by priority, but this cannot be guaranteed. In the event we cannot match you with one of your preferred categories, you may be offered the option of another open category.

	Best Crime Novel		Best Crime Short Story
	Best Crime First Novel		Best French Crime Book
	Best Traditional Mystery (Whodunit)		Best Juvenile or YA Crime Book
	Best Crime Novel Set in Canada (Howard Engel Award)		Best Non Fiction Crime Book
			Best Unpublished Manuscript

- ☐ I acknowledge that I am prepared to devote the time to read the entries in my assigned category and to provide a few lines of feedback where applicable.
- ☐ I commit to judging all entries on their merits and not discounting any entries because I don't identify with characters of different backgrounds, ages, abilities, body shapes, racialized identities, cultures, nationalities, gender identities and expressions, sexual orientations, beliefs, religions, socio-economic statuses, and more).
- ☐ I commit to communicating and collaborating with my fellow jurors to develop a shortlist and select a winner.
- ☐ I confirm that I will keep confidential my jury position and not discuss the entries publicly until the awards are announced, and affirm that all jury discussions will be kept confidential.
- ☐ I confirm that I will not share any of the books, novellas, short stories and/or manuscripts I receive, published or unpublished, with other individuals or organizations.

\*If judging the Best French category:

- ☐ I am fluently bilingual and proficient in the French language



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## Survey for Prospective Jurors

Your participation in this survey is **voluntary**. Leaving any or all questions blank **will not** disqualify your application.

The goal of this survey is to assist the Jury Selection Committee to develop geographically and culturally diverse, equitable and inclusive juries for the 2026 Awards.

The information collected is only disclosed to members of the Crime Writers of Canada's Jury Selection committee, and only for use in developing the 2026 Awards for Excellence juries. At any time, you are entitled to ask that part or all of your answers be deleted or destroyed.

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To which age group do you belong?

- ☐ 18 – 25
- ☐ 26-35
- ☐ 36-45
- ☐ 46-55
- ☐ 56 -65
- ☐ 66 and up
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

Are you Francophone?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

Do you identify as Indigenous - that is First Nations (North American Indian), Métis, or Inuit?  
(Select all that apply)

- ☐ First Nations, Status Indian, Non-Status Indian
- ☐ Inuk (Inuit)
- ☐ Métis
- ☐ Prefer not to answer
- ☐ Other – Specify \_\_\_\_\_



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Which of the following best describes your racial or ethnic identity? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ African Canadian/ Black
- ☐ Caucasian
- ☐ East Asian (Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Korean)
- ☐ Hispanic /Latinx
- ☐ Middle Eastern / Arab
- ☐ South Asian (e.g. East Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, etc.)
- ☐ Southeast Asian (e.g. Vietnamese, Cambodian, Laotian, Thai, etc.)
- ☐ West Asian (e.g. Iranian, Afghan, etc.)
- ☐ Prefer not to answer
- ☐ Other – Specify \_\_\_\_\_

**GENDER:** Your gender identity (select all that apply):

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male
- ☐ Non-binary
- ☐ Transgender
- ☐ Two-Spirit
- ☐ Questioning
- ☐ Prefer not to answer
- ☐ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**ORIENTATION:** Your sexual orientation (select all that apply):

- ☐ Asexual (Ace)
- ☐ Bisexual
- ☐ Heterosexual/Straight
- ☐ Gay or Lesbian
- ☐ Pansexual
- ☐ Queer
- ☐ Questioning
- ☐ Prefer not to answer
- ☐ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a person with a disability? This category refers to any condition impairing your visual, auditory, mobility, or neurological functioning, and any chronic illness that limits your activities



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of daily living. You need not disclose the nature of your disability or be receiving a disability pension or other supportive services to answer 'yes' in this context.

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Prefer not to answer

☐ Check this box if you would like to become a juror but are unsure if the process is or can be adapted to be accessible and equitable for you. By checking here, you give permission for a representative from the Jury Selection Committee to contact you via the email address you provided above to discuss your specific concerns and how the process can be adapted for you.