



THE 8TH IAAK WRITING COMPETITION

When? :

Deadline entries: Nov 30 + Award Ceremony: Dec 15

Who? :

All IAAK students (one poem or one short story!)

ENTER NOW!

We are proud to announce the 8th IAAK Writing Competition at the Department of English, American, and Celtic Studies. All BA or MA students are invited to enter with either a poem or a short story by Nov 30 (midnight) in order to win book vouchers (30€-10€) from The Art of Books (a beautiful bookshop on Bonner Talweg)!

Short stories should be no longer than 5 pages (1.5 spacing, Times New Roman 12) and poems should not be longer than 2 pages. Only one piece of writing per person is allowed, no AI please (see next page). The winners will be chosen by members of staff and the two organisers (anonymously). There are no restrictions genre-wise, poems and short stories could deal with absolutely everything (but maybe include trigger warnings). We especially look forward to seasonal pieces and we encourage students to also write hopeful or happy pieces!

Please [upload](#) two separate files by Nov 30: 1) PDF one consists of your piece of creative writing without personal details (but give it a title!), 2) PDF two should give us your short story's/poem's title, your (chosen or pen) name, pronouns and university email address.

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AWARD CEREMONY!

Winners will be contacted in early December, the Award Ceremony will take place on December 15, 4pm, Lecture Hall XVI. If you will, you will be asked if you want to read your winning piece of creative writing yourself or if a friend of yours (or one of the organisers) should do that for you. There will be a few minutes for the audience to ask questions before we move on during the event. Please check your emails carefully before the event.

Wear your ugliest Christmas sweater for the Award Ceremony (if you like). There will be a small assortment of snacks & drinks, but please feel free to contribute by bringing not only your own mug/cup but also (soft)drinks or snacks.

QUESTIONS?

Feel free to reach out to David (dmoroney@uni-bonn.de) or Marthe (mshecke@uni-bonn.de) if you have any questions. You can also find us on Instagram: @writingcompetitionbonn

AI IS COOL AND ALL, BUT CREATIVE WRITING IS ABOUT MORE THAN JUST PUTTING WORDS TOGETHER, IT IS ABOUT YOU. SO HERE'S A GENERIC AND BORING POEM MARTHE ASKED CHAT GPT TO WRITE FOR YOU. YOU CAN DO WAAAAAAAAY BETTER THAN THIS...

Embrace the Writer Within

*In the realm of words, where stories unfold,
Unleash your pen, let your tales be told.
Students of the mind, take up the call,
In this writing competition, stand tall.*

How trite...
(Cruella Deville)

Boring (Sherlock
Holmes)

*Unveil your soul upon the paper's embrace,
Weave magic with words, leave no tale to waste.
Let your voice resound, your talent uplift,
Through ink and pen, let your words make a shift.*

What art?
(Hannibal
Lecter)

Entire stanza is
repetitive af
(Patrick Bateman)

*This challenge invites you to showcase your art,
A chance to shine, unleash your inner spark.
Gather your thoughts, let creativity flow,
Write with passion, let your stories grow.*

*It's not just about prizes, but personal growth,
For in writing, our talents surely host.
Embrace this opportunity, don't hesitate,
And make your mark as writers, undisturbed fate.*

Ok, true, Chat
GPT, thanks
(The Shark in
Jaws)

Err, no pressure?
Nobody is trying
to win a Nobel
prize for
literature?!
(Princess Leia)

*Unleash your pen, embrace the journey anew,
Let your stories resound, let your dreams come true.
In this writing competition, claim your place,
Embrace the writer within, leave your lasting trace.*

Cringe (Mr.
Rochester)

Pathetic! (Mrs.
Danvers)

What? Still here? You
aren't even trying to
run away now? Damn!
(T-Rex in Jurassic
Park)

Slow clap (Nurse
Ratched)

IN ANY CASE: HAVE FUN!

If you do not want to hand something in yourself, you are of course warmly invited to attend the Award Ceremony nevertheless and cheer on your peers!

We would also like to recommend that you check out the amazing Creative Writing Society Bonn: find them on Instagram @creativewritingsocietybonn and check out their monthly events!