



CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS: TORONTO LIT UP WINTER/SPRING 2020 SEASON

Submissions Period: August 8 – September 19, 2019

Submissions for Toronto Lit Up's January to June 2020 season will be accepted between August 8, 2019 and September 19, 2019. Torontonians who will be published authors within three months of the season dates are invited to apply to the programme for book launch support.

All submissions will be reviewed and adjudicated by the Toronto Lit Up Committee, composed of Dionne Brand (University of Guelph and chair of the committee), Ayesha Chatterjee (League of Canadian Poets), Alison Jones (Quill and Quire) and Hazel Millar (Literary Press Group). Decisions by the committee are final.

As a condition of funding, all accepted submissions should produce a Toronto Lit Up event that has a celebratory atmosphere, and that includes speeches or readings of up to 15-20 minutes total. Launches should not replace readings, panels or interview events.

Eligibility

As any Toronto Arts Council funded programme, Toronto Lit Up is designed to represent the residents of the City of Toronto and its [equity priority groups](#), which include those who identify as persons of colour, deaf persons, persons with disabilities and persons living with mental illness, Indigenous, 2SLGBTQIAP, as well as other historically underserved writers. Self-published authors who identify with one or more of TAC's equity priority groups and are members of The Writers Union of Canada are welcome to apply.

Toronto Lit Up will feature works from various genres. The committee will be looking to include published works of fiction, non-fiction, poetry, prose, short story, graphic novels as well as cookbooks, gardening books, sports-related stories, satire and much more. Publishers can submit more than one author for committee consideration for this program.

All authors must meet all of the following criteria:

- Must be a resident of the city of Toronto, living in the city for at least 8 months of the year.
- They must also have been a Toronto resident for at least 1 year prior to the launch date.
- The book publication date must be within 3 months of the anticipated launch event date.

How to Submit

Complete the online submission form at FestivalofAuthors.ca/TorontoLitUp.

Submissions will open on August 8, 2019 and be accepted until September 19, 2019. Submissions received after this date will not be accepted.

What to include with your submission?

- Author name
- Author's bio
- Title of the book
- Genre
- Book summary
- Publication date
- Advanced readers copy/ galley/ manuscript/ reading copy of the book (sent to 235 Queens Quay W, Toronto, ON M5J 2G8)
- Event details (anticipated) e.g., type of event, venue, possible dates and time

About Toronto Lit Up

Toronto Lit Up is a multi-year initiative, spearheaded since 2016 by the Toronto International Festival of Authors and the Toronto Arts Council, to spotlight Toronto writers and empower local artists with career-building opportunities. Launches are open to the public and free to attend. To find events and to RSVP, visit FestivalofAuthors.ca/events. To learn more about the programme, visit FestivalofAuthors.ca/TorontoLitUp.

About Toronto International Festival of Authors

The Toronto International Festival of Authors (TIFA) is Canada's oldest and largest festival of words and ideas. Since 1974, it has hosted over 9,000 authors from more than 100 countries, including 22 Nobel Laureates and countless other award winners. Mandated to cultivate and advance the art of literature, TIFA connects curious readers of every kind with leading authors and provides forums to showcase Canadian talent to the world. TIFA presents events and programmes all year round and will celebrate the 40th edition of the Festival Oct. 24 – Nov. 3, 2019. TIFA is based at Harbourfront Centre. FestivalofAuthors.ca | @FestofAuthors

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