



RNA New Writers' Scheme: Notes for applicants

After your membership application has been processed, you will receive details of how to send in your manuscript using our online system.

The closing date for submissions of manuscripts is midnight on the 31st August 2019. You will be asked to submit your manuscript (as a Word document or rich text file) by then.

Further information:

- You may only submit one manuscript to the NWS per year.
- The NWS does not critique manuscripts longer than 120,000 words.
- The critique is a final report, not the start of a conversation with your reader.
- If you do not think you will get your manuscript finished, you may submit a partial together with a synopsis. There is no reimbursement of the reading fee if you do not submit by 31st August.
- If you are accepted for publication you should let both the NWS Organiser (NWS@romanticnovelistsassociation.org) and the Hon Membership Secretary (info@romanticnovelistsassociation.org) know as soon as possible, as your membership status will change and you may be eligible for the Joan Hessayon Award.
- Published members (or those who have received a publishing contract) are not eligible to join the New Writers' Scheme. However, if you are accepted for publication in the year you join the NWS, you are still entitled to send in your manuscript for critique.