

Master of Studies in Crime and Thriller Writing: Supporting Documents

Below are details of the Course Specific Questions and other supporting information you will be asked to provide **before you can submit your application**. These are marked with an asterisk (*). References and transcripts can be provided either at the time of submitting your application or shortly after.

If you have any questions, please contact ICE Admissions: mst.admissions@ice.cam.ac.uk and we will be happy to help.

References

You will need to provide the details of two referees who can provide academic or professional references. You will be asked to provide e-mail addresses for your referees so that they can submit their reference via the online referencing system, so it is important for you to ensure that your referee is able to provide a reference for you before you submit your application form.

If your referees are unable to use the online referencing system, or do not have e-mail addresses, please contact the ICE Admissions office for further assistance.

Transcripts

A transcript is a list of all the courses you have taken during a programme of study, with the result you obtained, and with the credit value if applicable.

If you are currently studying, please provide a transcript listing the courses taken during your programme of study, with the results or grades obtained for each. Current Cambridge students should upload a copy of their unofficial transcript from their Student Self-Service.

If you have previously completed degree-level study, please provide a transcript or degree certificate for each degree-level programme you have studied, showing the date the degree was awarded and the final class or grade obtained.

The transcript should be uploaded via your Self-Service, using the 'Academic – pre-decision' category. Please note that we may also ask you to send the originals via post if we make you an offer of admission and supplying these may be a condition of your offer.

If your documents are not in English, you must also upload a full translation of each document, prepared by a registered translator.

Research Proposal*

A proposal of approximately 500 words outlining the work to be carried out in the second year of study; your plans may change over the course of your first year, but we need to see at this stage that you have a viable project in mind. Please tell us what sort of fiction you will be working on and provide:

- an outline of the intended novel;
- an outline of ideas related to your project which might form the basis of a commentary on it;
- an account of the sources upon which the writing project will draw, if appropriate, for example in a historical crime novel.

Personal Statement*

Applicants are encouraged to provide information within the application form about their motivation for applying for the course and to outline relevant experience and interests. They should also say what they hope to learn and achieve from the programme.

Writing Sample*

Either: an original writing sample of between 1,000 and 2,000 words which should be the first chapters of a crime novel or thriller (published or unpublished).

Or: If you have not yet written a crime novel or thriller, please submit between 1,000 and 2,000 words of any other form of fiction or a short story. If you are providing an extract from a novel please supply a very brief summary showing how the sample fits into the whole work.