

Master of Studies in Creative 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.

CV*

You will need to provide an up-to-date copy of your CV.

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 genre you are likely to be writing in (e.g. poetry, prose fiction, playwriting, creative non-fiction) and provide:

- an outline of the intended topic;
- 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.

Personal Statement*

You are encouraged to provide information within the application form about your motivation for applying for the course and to outline relevant experience and interests. You should also say what you hope to learn and achieve from the programme. Please do not exceed 1,000 words.

Writing Sample*

1 - You are required to upload an original writing sample consisting of ONE of the following: 1,000 – 3,000 words of prose; OR 1,000 words of script for stage, screen or radio; OR 500 words of poetry. This sample may be on any subject; if it is an extract from a longer piece, please provide a very brief summary showing how the sample fits into the whole work

AND

2 - You are required to upload an original prose sample consisting of 1,000 words written in response to the following prompt:

Start with a chair... Your sample may be based on a memory or real incident or may be a work of fiction, and may take you and the reader as far away from the prompt as you wish. We are looking for an original and imaginative approach to the exercise, and some sense of narrative development in the writing.