

## ABR Behrouz Boochani Fellowship

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Australian Book Review is pleased to offer the **ABR Behrouz Boochani Fellowship**. Worth a total of \$10,000, this will be a highlight of ABR's publishing year. This Fellowship – generously funded by Peter McMullin, a Melbourne lawyer, philanthropist, businessman, and Chairman of McMullin Group – is presented in association with the **Peter McMullin Centre on Statelessness** at the University of Melbourne.

This Fellowship honours the artistry, courage and moral leadership of Behrouz Boochani, an Iranian-Kurdish poet, journalist, memoirist, film producer and human rights activist. The chosen Fellow will make a broad contribution to the magazine over the course of twelve months, with a series of three substantial articles on any aspect of refugees, statelessness or human rights.

ABR welcomes creative proposals from English-speaking journalists, commentators, scholars, activists, and creative writers around the world. The Fellow's articles will appear in the print magazine and online.

Applications for this Fellowship close at **midnight on September 1, 2019**. There is no application fee.

*Please see guidelines overleaf.*

ABR gratefully acknowledges the generous support of Mr Peter McMullin.

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*The ABR Fellowships are intended to reward fine Australian writers and to advance the magazine's commitment to critical debate and long-form journalism. All published Australian writers are eligible to apply.*

Please visit [www.australianbookreview.com.au](http://www.australianbookreview.com.au) for further information about the ABR Fellowship Program.

Learn more about the Peter McMullin Centre on Statelessness by visiting their website: [www.law.unimelb.edu.au/centres/statelessness](http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/centres/statelessness).

# Application Guidelines

*What is the Australian Book Review Behrouz Boochani Fellowship?*

The Fellowship is intended to produce cogent journalism over twelve months, with a series of three substantial articles on any aspect of refugees, statelessness or human rights.

*Who can apply?*

The Fellowship is open to English-speaking writers around the world: journalists, commentators, scholars, activists, creative writers. ABR staff and Board members are ineligible, as are staff, board members, and PhD students at the Peter McMullin Centre on Statelessness.

*What is ABR offering?*

The Fellow will receive a total of \$10,000, payable thus – \$4,000 on announcement of the Fellowship and two further payments of \$3,000 on publication of the final two contributions to the magazine. The Fellow will work closely with the Editor of ABR throughout the year.

*Expected outcomes*

ABR is seeking a suite of brilliant journalism/commentary from a highly engaged and professional writer. The Fellow will produce three substantial articles for publication in the magazine. These can be review essays, commentaries, or interviews – or a combination of all three genres. Each contribution will be 3,000 words or longer. The features (agreed on with the ABR Editor) will be staggered over twelve months. The articles will appear in the print and online editions of ABR. The Fellow will be available for media coverage and at least one literary/promotional event. NB the Fellow is not expected to complete the Fellowship at the ABR office in Melbourne.

*Is the Fellowship only open to Australian citizens?*

No. English-speaking writers and journalists around the world can apply. But all proposals must have Australian resonances and must speak to ABR's enquiring readership.

*Familiarity with Australian Book Review*

Applicants must demonstrate considerable familiarity with ABR – its style, its content, its direction. Visit our website for information about subscribing and/or about the magazine's content and history.

*Selection process*

The Fellow will be chosen by a panel comprising ABR Editor Peter Rose, Professor Michelle Foster, Director of the Peter McMullin Centre on Statelessness, and author J.M. Coetzee. The panel will interview the shortlisted candidates in person or via Skype. We will name the Fellow in October 2019. No correspondence will be entered into once the decision has been announced. ABR reserves the right not to award the Fellowship.

*How to apply?*

Applicants should refer to the Frequently Asked Questions section on the ABR website. Applicants are encouraged to discuss their proposals with the Editor before submission. Contact him on (03) 9699 8822 or via email: [editor@australianbookreview.com.au](mailto:editor@australianbookreview.com.au)

The application should comprise a proposal of three pages plus a short CV and two short examples of their writing. Applicants should cover the following: the likely nature/scope/genre of at least two of the three proposed articles; why they want to work with the magazine; why they believe their contributions will advance ABR and win us new readers. (We are mindful that the Fellowship will evolve throughout the year.) Applicants should also nominate two professional/literary referees.

Applications must be emailed to:

[fellowships@australianbookreview.com.au](mailto:fellowships@australianbookreview.com.au)

by midnight on 1 September 2019.

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