



## HOW TO ENTER DISCOVERIES 2026

### WHO CAN ENTER?

**Women's Prize Discoveries is open to all unpublished and unagented women writers aged 18+ living in the UK or Ireland and writing in English.**

### WHY ENTER?

Discoveries offers a range of development opportunities for successful entrants, supporting all writers that are longlisted and welcoming them into our Discoveries alumna community:

- All 16 longlisted authors receive a bespoke, two-week online Discoveries Writing Development Course designed by Curtis Brown Creative, alongside an annual Audible subscription
- All six shortlisted authors will be offered a mentoring session with a Curtis Brown literary agent, plus a free place on an online writing course (worth up to £250) with Curtis Brown Creative and a studio session focused on writing and recording for audio with Audible
- One promising writer, named the 'Discoveries Scholar' will also win a free scholarship to attend a three-month Writing Your Novel course with Curtis Brown Creative (worth up to £2,100)
- The winner receives £5,000 and an offer of representation from Curtis Brown literary agency

But with writing – it's the journey, not the destination. Importantly, Discoveries allows you to develop your writing skills, supported along the way by our Writers' Room events and Writers' Toolkit resources by bestselling authors and industry experts.

### HOW TO ENTER

**Discoveries is completely free to enter.**

Submit up to 10,000 words of the opening of a novel of any genre of adult fiction by 12 January 2026 – via the online submissions form found at [womensprize.com/discoveries](https://womensprize.com/discoveries)

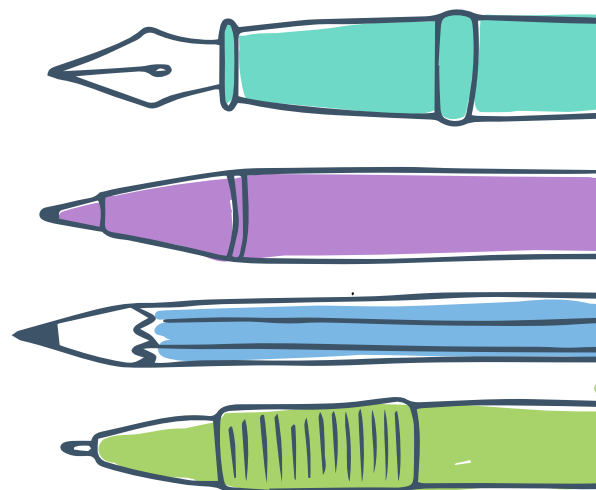
While your opening 10,000 is the star of the show, you will also need to provide a synopsis detailing the outline of your story (up to 1,000 words) and complete a short entry form for us to learn more about you and your writing.

**Find out more: [womensprize.com/discoveries](https://womensprize.com/discoveries)**

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