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ELTU Creative Writing Project
8th ANNUAL ELTU CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION 2026-2027

TERMS AND GUIDELINES

1. Entrants must be current students at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Undergraduate and postgraduate students from all faculties and programs are encouraged to enter their work.
2. All entries must directly or indirectly respond to the current theme, **"Order and Chaos."**
3. Entries shall be submitted at the following link:

   https://eltu.formstack.com/forms/creative_writing_competition_25_26
4. All entries must be received by **11:59 PM on June 1st, 2027.**
5. An entrant may only submit **one piece per category**.
6. Word count: Prose submissions are limited to a maximum of 2000 words and poetry submissions may have a maximum page count of three pages.
7. An entrant may choose to submit to more than one category.
8. Entries may not be altered after submission (unless permission is granted during the editing and publishing process).
9. Every piece must have a title.
10. Entries must be written in English.
11. Entries must be original work. Any form of plagiarism, including AI generated work will disqualify the entry.

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12. Entries should not have been previously published, whether online or in print (including self-publishing on a blog). However, after publication in the anthology, entrants can attempt to publish their pieces in other publications and platforms, if the piece is accompanied with an acknowledgement of initial publication in the anthology.
13. Entries from the previous rounds of the ELTU's creative writing competition will not be accepted.
14. There is no submission or reading fee to enter the competition.
15. All entries will be reviewed by a professional judging panel who will determine the winners. The judges' decisions are final.
16. The competition organizers reserve the right to change the judging panel without notice.
17. All entries are judged anonymously. The entrant's identification information, including name and student number, will not be included on the piece(s) for the final review. The judging panel will not have access to the accompanying submission forms. For confidentiality purposes, please remove all identification information from all entries.
18. First place winners will each receive $1000 in book vouchers and runner ups will each receive $250 in book vouchers.
19. First place winners, runner ups, and honourable mention recipients will be published in the competition anthology. Selected entries will be subject to being edited upon publication in the anthology.
20. First place winners, runner ups, and honourable mention recipients will be published via the Short Story Dispensers at the CUHK univeristy libraries. If you do not wish to be published via this platform, please reach out in writing to eltucreativewriting@cuhk.edu.hk
21. If not contacted by August of 2027, writers should consider their submission/s unsuccessful.
22. All personal data and information collected will be used for ELTU Creative Writing Project administration purposes only and will not be disclosed to any third parties.

We look forward to receiving your entries!

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