Entering The Saltires

Entries for Fiction, Non-Fiction and Poetry must be submitted by a qualifying publisher or imprint. Publishers may enter eligible works by writers born in Scotland and/or permanently resident in Scotland at the time of publication and submission. Research Book of the Year has its own submission criteria and process. The Saltires 2026 Rules for Pub…

Submission guidelines

Eligibility and rules

Before submitting a title, please read the full prize rules carefully. These cover author and publisher eligibility, publication requirements, submission limits, debut eligibility and the types of work accepted in each category.

The Fiction and Non-Fiction prizes recognise works of sustained prose, while Poetry entries must be full collections. Self-published books, artists' books, photo books, graphic novels and children's or young adult books are not eligible for the trade prizes. The Saltires 2026 Rules for Pub…

Read the 2026 rules

Fees

Submission fees are tiered according to publisher turnover, helping us accommodate publishers of different sizes. A further contribution towards promotion and marketing is payable for titles that reach the shortlist. There is no charge for titles called in by the judges or awards team. The Saltires 2026 Rules for Pub…

View fees

What happens after submission?

Eligible titles are considered by independent judging panels, with judges assessing literary quality, ambition, originality, relevance and enduring appeal. Longlisted titles progress to further judging before the shortlist and eventual winners are selected. The Saltires 2026 Judges Proces…

Publishers of shortlisted titles receive promotional materials to support the announcement and shortlisted authors are invited to the annual awards ceremony in Edinburgh. The Saltires 2026 Rules for Pub…

How the judging works

Research Book of the Year

The Research Book of the Year follows a separate submission process and recognises rigorous and original research into Scotland and its culture. Eligible works may include monographs, edited collections and scholarly editions across a broad range of disciplines. The Saltires 2026 Research Rule…

Research submissions

Questions?

If you have a question about eligibility, submissions or the awards process, please get in touch with the Book Awards team.

Contact us