The competition for the award is open to students who started a creative writing course at the University of Toronto School of Continuing Studies (SCS) in the period from May 15, 2016 to May 15, 2017. One winner will receive a prize of $1,000. Two finalists will also be selected and will receive prizes of $500 each. The winner and finalists will be published in a chapbook.

An entry form must accompany the submission. Forms can be found on the SCS website: http://learn.utoronto.ca/artsci/creative/award.htm

We will accept entries in the genre of fiction (including novel excerpts) only. You may submit only one entry to a maximum of 7,000 words. Entries in excess of 7,000 words will not be considered.

Entries must be unpublished and not currently under consideration by a magazine, book publisher or zine.

Entries must be typed, double-spaced and submitted on 8.5 x 11 paper. Entries should be free of spelling and/or grammatical errors.

All pages must be numbered. No identifying marks must appear on the text of the manuscript.

Five copies of your manuscript must be included (stapled, please).

Each of the five copies must have a title page. To ensure impartial judging, there should be no identifying marks other than the title of the entry on that page.

Manuscripts will not be returned. Following the contest all copies manuscripts will be recycled in a confidential manner.

Deadline: manuscripts must be post-marked by Friday, May 26, 2017. If delivered in person, please submit your manuscript and entry form on or before this date, prior to the end of the work day, 5:00pm. Manuscripts received after the deadline, unless officially post-marked on or before May 26, will not be accepted.

The School of Continuing Studies reserves the right to publish the award-winning entry in its entirety or excerpted on the SCS website and/or in other media for the promotion of the competition. To receive the award the winner will enter into a contract with the School of Continuing Studies for the rights to use the award winning material. Copyright will remain with the winner.

Entries should be submitted to:
Penguin Random House Canada Award
University of Toronto School of Continuing Studies Creative Writing Program
158 St. George Street
Toronto, ON M5S 2V8

Note: Only award winners and finalists will be contacted.

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