

Nine Dots Prize Submission Guidance for Applicants

This Submission Guidance should be read in conjunction with the
Prize Rules at <https://ninedotsprize.org/prize-rules/>

Who awards the Prize?	The Kadas Prize Foundation, an English registered charity, awards the Prize (set out in more detail below), in cooperation with Cambridge University Press (CUP) and the Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities (CRASSH) at the University of Cambridge.
How to apply?	Applications must include three parts:
	1. A summary response to the set question, which can be up to 3,000 words in length. Should you win the Prize, you will be required to develop this summary into a short book of between 25,000 and 40,000 words. The summary should cover the main arguments your proposed book will make, the previous research or ideas on which it draws and the key conclusions it will reach.
	2. An outline structure of this short book, including provisional chapter headings. This will demonstrate your thinking as to how your response can be worked up into a complete book and how you would develop your arguments, should you be successful. It is an opportunity to prove that there is enough depth to your arguments to provide content for an entire book.
	3. A justification of your ability to complete the book in the time given (approx. nine months). This will outline your previous experience in communicating effectively about research and ideas, and a commitment from you that your responsibilities will allow the book to be completed in the nine month period. Where applicable this should include confirmation of support from your institution(s) or employer(s) that sabbatical time has been approved.
	All entries should be submitted through the online submission form on our website www.ninedotsprize.org . No entries submitted via other routes will be accepted. Late submissions will not be accepted or those over the set word limits.
	Documents should be in Word (.doc or .docx formats) and should not exceed 5MB in size.
Who is eligible to apply?	All are welcome to submit: the only stipulation is that applicants must be 18 years of age or over. Responses and the resulting book must be in English.

	We are looking for innovative thinking, whether this comes from new voices or from experienced authors. The Prize's heartland is in the social sciences, but we welcome responses that draw on all disciplines and cross-discipline thinking.
	Responses from multiple authors will be considered. Where more than one author is submitting, the justification must make clear how they will work together to provide a coherent response and work. Proposals that put forward a number of authors all contributing single sections (such as an edited collection) will not be accepted. Each author will be expected to agree to the Prize Rules .
	Only one entry per author will be accepted (whether as an individual or with others).
	Authors based in UK sanctioned countries at the time of submission are welcome to submit, however additional considerations may apply. For example, the Foundation will need to assess whether it is possible, in accordance with its charitable status, to pay the monetary award to a successful author from a UK sanctioned country.
	Trustees of the Foundation, Board members or Judges of the Prize, or family members of any of the foregoing, are not eligible to apply.
Who makes the decision?	All Board members will act as Judges for the Prize. Where the Board deems it appropriate, non-Board members with expertise in the subject area of the question may also serve as Judges.
How will they judge the winning entry?	The Prize Board will consider the submissions based on the Prize's Judging Criteria (see below) and award the Prize to the entry that in their view best responds to the set question.
	The Prize's Judging Criteria states that the Prize Board will look for submissions that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are original, important and of excellent quality; • contain a strong argument and show a depth of analysis; • are rigorous whilst being accessible for their intended audience; • exhibit excellent writing with a distinctive voice; and • are relevant to the question.
	Responses can critique, agree or disagree with, or reject the premise of the question set, but they must engage with it fully and insightfully.
	Responses may draw on research and evidence from a wide variety of sources and disciplines not restricted solely to the social sciences.
	The Prize will be judged anonymously. The Prize Board members will make their decision on anonymised versions of the response and outline structure documents only. The Prize organising team may use the

	justification and other information provided to validate the submissions. But the final decision will be made on the strength and originality of the response to the set question.
	The only time anonymity would be waived would be in the case of a tie where the Board may hold an interview with the final two/three candidates.
What will the winner receive?	The Prize winner will receive US\$100,000 from the Kadas Prize Foundation - payable in three stages: on award, on manuscript delivery and on publication of the book. The book will be published by CUP and made available open access online and also published by CUP in a range of print and digital commercial formats. CUP will also provide support and editorial assistance to the Prize winner. By submitting the response, the author(s) is/are agreeing that if awarded the Prize, the book will be published by CUP in various formats, and the author(s) will promptly enter into the necessary publishing agreement(s) with CUP or third parties for the publication in accordance with the Prize Rules.
What is the Prize timetable?	The provisional timetable (which may be subject to change) for award of the Prize is as follows:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21 October 2016 – Prize launch • 31 January 2017 – Submission deadline • May 2017 – Announcement of Prize winner • October to December 2017 – Optional Visiting Fellowship at CRASSH in Cambridge • October 2017 - Prize seminar to be held at CRASSH and progress report by the author • Early January 2018 – Final manuscript submitted to CUP • May 2018 – Book published by CUP
If successful, what would the winner need to provide?	By submitting a response, the author(s) guarantee that, if awarded the Prize, they will submit a manuscript of between 25,000 to 40,000 words to Cambridge University Press by early January 2018. This will include delivering sample material ahead of the January deadline to facilitate the rapid peer review and production schedule for this publication. The Prize winner(s) will also participate in a seminar in October 2017 (or such other date as agreed) at CRASSH in Cambridge, which will discuss the work in progress; and will undertake a reasonable number of activities (for example, media appearances, social media engagement, other written outputs or progress reports etc.) to promote the author's own work and the Prize. The details of these will be agreed with the Prize winner(s) after award of the Prize. The conditions placed on Prize winner(s) are further detailed in the Prize Rules .

Originality of idea and writing	By submitting a response, the author(s) undertake that their response and resulting book will consist of their own original work and will not infringe the intellectual property rights of anyone. If a third party's material is used, the author will undertake to obtain the necessary permission. The intellectual property conditions placed on Prize winner(s) are detailed in the Prize Rules.
	The Prize seeks to reward original ideas but understands that some authors may have begun to explore ideas outlined in their response in previous publications. These may be referred to, or short excerpts included within the book, but the author will be responsible for clearing any required permissions for the re-use of this work in accordance with the CUP publication in a range of formats.
Data protection	By entering a submission, the author(s) agree to the Foundation, CRASSH and CUP processing any personal information they provide (for example, their name and email address) for the purposes of considering and awarding the Prize. The Foundation, CRASSH and CUP will handle author(s)' personal information in accordance with the Prize's Privacy Policy.
Prize Rules	By submitting a response, each submitting author agrees to be bound by the Prize Rules, including signing an agreement with CUP governing the publication of the book as detailed in the Prize Rules.
	The Board's decision in selecting the Prize winner is final and no correspondence will be entered into or challenge to the decision considered.
	If no application is considered to be of the required standard, the Judges reserve the right not to award the Prize.
How can I ask questions about the Prize?	There is a Frequently Asked Questions page on the website that may be helpful. If not, then applicants can either email the Prize on questions@ninedotsprize.org or tweet us at @NineDotsPrize.