



# Adam Smith Scholarships

Part of Fife College

## Ian Rankin Creative Writing Scholarship 2026



### What is the Ian Rankin Creative Writing Scholarship?

Ian Rankin is one of the world's most famous crime writers – we are very fortunate that he supports this scholarship, donating his own time and money to support Fife College students just like you. Ian shortlists the winning applications himself and comes in to College to meet and award the winners. For further details check out our [news story](#).

### Who Can Apply?

All full-time students at Fife College who have a passion for creative writing.

### What Do You Win?

There are three awards available of £600, presented to the winners at a special lunch event with Ian. All winners and runners up also receive a copy of Ian's latest book. Winning an Ian Rankin Scholarship is a fantastic achievement and would look great on your CV!

### What Can You Spend the Scholarship On?

The scholarship should be used for resources or materials that would support you with your studies or would help you take that next step in to future studies or employment.

### How to Apply

#### **Step 1 Application Form**

A link to the application form is available on the [Fife College website](#). If you require a hard copy form please get in touch. Please remember to explain clearly why you should be considered for this Scholarship.

#### **Step 2 Creative Submission**

Please submit a piece of creative writing about any theme of your choice, choose from the following formats:

- Short story: 250-1,500 words
- Poem: 250-1,000 words
- Script: Submit a treatment/synopsis of 250-500 words plus a sample script of approx. three pages
- Graphic Novel: Submit a synopsis of 250-500 words plus 15 sample frames including dialogue and illustrations.

***Please stay within maximum word count to ensure you are not disqualified.***

Please submit your creative submission by emailing [scholarships@fife.ac.uk](mailto:scholarships@fife.ac.uk) before the closing date **Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026**.

### What Happens Next?

**References:** We may ask a staff member who knows you for a reference.

**Shortlist:** Shortlisted creative submissions will be sent to Ian to read/view and for a final critique.

**Award Event:** If you are successful we will email you to invite you to a lunch event in May to meet and chat to Ian. You will be sent a form to complete your bank details, so we can make your payment and a consent form.

### Key Dates

Closing date for applications is **midnight Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026**. All applicants will be contacted regarding the outcome by the end of May.

### Got a question?

If so, just drop us an email, [scholarships@fife.ac.uk](mailto:scholarships@fife.ac.uk) If you would like some help completing your application form please email [employability@fife.ac.uk](mailto:employability@fife.ac.uk) who would be happy to meet with you to give you advice and some helpful hints.