



LIGHTHOUSE FELLOWSHIPS

The Nighthawk Nature Writing Fellowship

A Two-Year Book Project Award

The Nighthawk Nature Writing Fellowship is a sponsored award in support of a writer's enrollment in the Book Project, a two-year mentor-based program designed for writers of book-length fiction and nonfiction. This fellowship was formed to support writers who are engaged in work that explores and honors the natural world—and the animals and plants that inhabit it.

Eligibility

The Nighthawk Fellowship is open to adults writing book-length fiction or nonfiction (including story or essay collections) in English from anywhere in the world, except where participation is prohibited or restricted by law. The award supports commencement of the Book Project the same year the application is submitted, and cannot be deferred or delayed to future years.

Application Process

Applications to the Book Project open April 1 every year, and close in June. Writers wishing to apply to the Nighthawk Fellowship will indicate their intent by checking the box in the general application. Those who apply will also write a statement that captures how their project engages with the natural world in such a way as to express empathy and compassion for the planet's flora and fauna.

Selection Process

The Nighthawk Fellowship application closes **June 21, 2025**, 11:59 p.m. U.S. Mountain Time. Lighthouse's Book Project review team will screen applicants and send the top scorers to the next step in the process. A team made up of funders, staff, and faculty will make the final award decisions. Lighthouse will inform writers of their status after the decisions are made, and then connect the winning writer(s) with their assigned mentor(s). If the recipient accepts the award, their two-year immersive fellowship experience will begin in August.