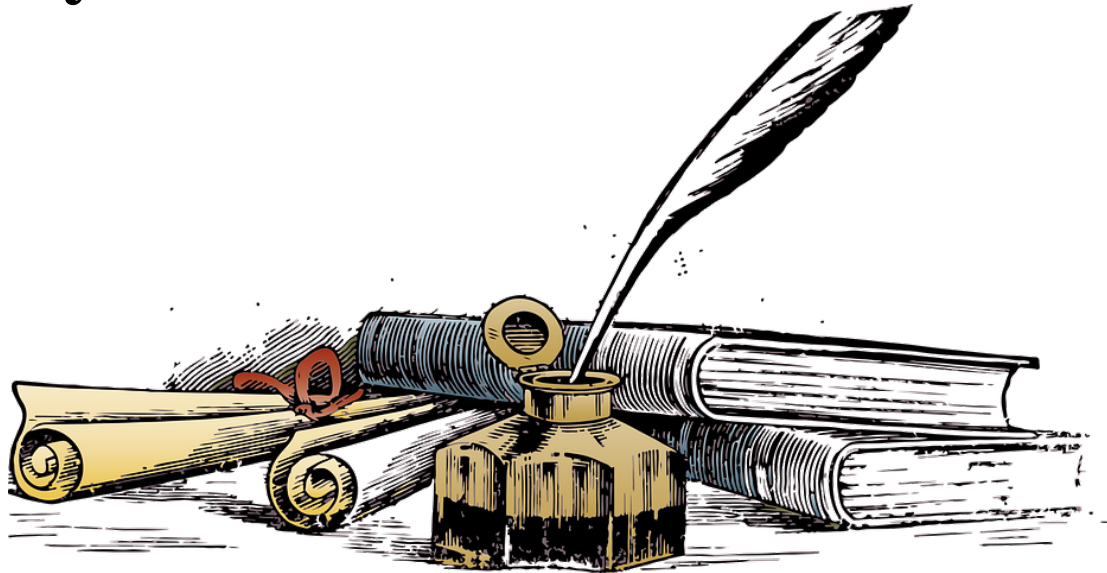




# Cynthia Davis Prize for Writing



## **Medical students and resident doctors of Dalhousie University are invited to submit their work to the 2026 Cynthia Davis Prize for Writing.**

This year, the theme will be “Body Politic”. Medicine has never been separate from politics—our work is shaped by the policies that determine access, the social forces that define illness, and the power structures that influence every clinical encounter. In a world marked by conflict, inequity, and rapid change, the Cynthia Davis Prize invites medical students and residents to reflect creatively on how these realities shape the practice of care. Through creative nonfiction, short stories, poetry, or any expressive form, we welcome writing that reveals how healing is always intertwined with people, power, and possibility. The quality of writing will also be judged for its flow, originality, and relevance. Please include this as double-spaced 12 pt Times New Roman. The word limit is 2500 words.

**First prize is \$2,000 and runners up will receive \$700.**

**The winner and runners up will be announced and have the opportunity to read from their submission at the Award event (TBC).**

**Submissions should be sent to: [medhuman@dal.ca](mailto:medhuman@dal.ca)**

**Deadline for Submission: Midnight, February 9, 2026**