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2011 Aurealis Awards – Enter now

There's still time to enter the 2011 Aurealis Awards.

The **Aurealis Awards**, Australia's premier awards for speculative fiction, are for works of speculative fiction written by an Australian citizen or permanent resident, published for the first time between 1 January 2011 and 31 December 2011.

Categories include best fantasy, horror, and science fiction novel and short story as well as categories for young adult and children's speculative fiction and illustrated works.

Entering work in the Aurealis Awards is easy and free.

For more details of categories, or to enter your work go to our website www.aurealisawards.com and fill in the online form. We'll then send you details of where to send your work for judging.

But hurry! Copies of entered works must be received by the judges by midnight 31 December 2011.

Nominations for the Peter McNamara Convenors' Award for Excellence also close on 31 December 2011. This award is for achievement in speculative fiction or related areas. It may take into account a body of work over a number of years; it can also be for a work of non-fiction, artwork, electronic or multimedia work, film or TV that brings credit or attention to the speculative fiction genres.

Finalists will be announced in late March 2012 with winners presented at a special awards evening in Sydney in May 2012.

For more information contact the Awards co-convenors, Chris Barnes and Susan Wardle, at convenors@aurealisawards.com.