

Drs Carla and Melvin Pasternak: Both with PhDs in English from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Carla and Melvin Pasternak taught for many years at Mount Royal. Carla pursued a career as a highly successful investment analyst while also teaching courses in literature, composition, and business communications. Melvin, who bought his first stock as a teenager in 1962, distinguished himself as a stockmarket analyst during his twenty-seven years and more at Mount Royal. He is the author of *21 Candlesticks Every Trader Should Know*. The Department of English, Languages, & Cultures expresses profound gratitude to the Pasternaks for their generous support.

Mount Royal Awards: Most awards are centrally administered. However, applications for the writing awards are to be submitted directly to the Department of English, Languages, & Cultures. Please consult [MRU SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES](#) for a full list of potential awards as well as additional information on relevant policies and procedures. While the application deadline for most awards is 01 March, the deadline for applications to the Department of English, Languages, & Cultures is 30 April.

English Writing Awards: Submissions will be subject, as far as reasonably possible, to a blind-vetting process. Once the deadline for applications has closed, the Department of English, Languages, & Cultures will sort submissions into two categories—ESSAY WRITING and CREATIVE WRITING—and convene, as necessary for the purposes of adjudication, one or more selection committees, each consisting of at least three faculty members. Each submission may be considered for all of the awards for which it is eligible within each category. On this basis, the committee has the discretion to consider outstanding creative writing (or outstanding essay writing) across awards so long as the submissions in question meet all corresponding eligibility and other criteria. The committee will not normally recommend two or more awards be granted in recognition of the same piece of original work, however. If no entry within a category merits distinction as outstanding, the Department reserves the right not to designate an award winner. After the Department has reached its decision, it will report on the appropriate form to the Student Awards Office which is responsible for reviewing selections, verifying eligibility, and notifying award winners. Only successful applicants will receive notification usually in June or July. At the end of the adjudication process, written submissions will NOT be returned; instead, they will be recycled in a confidential manner. Applicants may, however, be invited to submit their work for publication.

The writing awards are payable only upon return to study at Mount Royal University in the fall semester.