



A CALL FOR DSAC PUBLISHING HUB

manuscripts

The Department of Sport, Arts and Culture (DSAC) in collaboration with the Academic and Non-Fiction Authors Association of South Africa (ANFASA) announces the **2026/27 Open Call** for the submission of manuscripts for the DSAC Publishing Hub.

This is an industry stimulus project to support authors and revitalise the books and publishing industry, encourage the creation of new literature telling our stories and preserving our heritage, and sustain the creation of significant literature including that written in the previously marginalised official languages.

1. CATEGORIES CONSIDERED

The selection panel will consider manuscripts written in any of the official South African languages, in the following categories:

- Novels
- Poetry Anthologies
- Short Story Anthologies
- Drama Book
- Narrative non-fiction (politics, current affairs, history, military history, sport, true crime, biographies/autobiographies, health and well-being, humour, business and personal finance)
- Children's and Young Adult books (without illustrations)

2. NOT CONSIDERED

- ✗ Religion
- ✗ Television and Film Scripts
- ✗ Novelette and Novellas
- ✗ Self Help or motivational scripts

3. HOW TO APPLY

Visit the ANFASA website at www.anfasa.org.za or the DSAC website at www.dsac.gov.za and complete the online application.

WHAT SUCCESSFUL AUTHORS RECEIVE

R25 000 for content development. In addition, authors will be paired with a publisher to assist them through the production and publishing process. A total of up to twenty (20) books will be published, and two (2) identified books will be converted to braille to accommodate the visually impaired community.

CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSION

26 June 2026 at midnight

[apply at anfasa.org.za](http://anfasa.org.za) →

An independent selection panel will assess applications and recommend qualifying manuscripts.