



# CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

## 2027 ASLE Book Awards

### in Ecocriticism and Environmental Creative Writing

The [Association for the Study of Literature and Environment](#) (ASLE) announces its eleventh biennial book awards, and invites submissions. Both awards include a prize of \$500. The awards will be presented at the Authors' Reception at our [2027 Conference](#), to be held June 22-24 at the University of Maryland, College Park.

The ASLE Book Awards will be presented in two categories:

- ◆ the best book-length work of **scholarly ecocriticism**
- ◆ the best book-length work of **creative writing** in any genre with an environmental theme

#### Eligibility Requirements:

- ◆ Works published in 2025 or 2026 are eligible. (Books published in January 2027 will be eligible for the next cycle.)
- ◆ Works of narrative scholarship, or works that in other ways blend scholarly criticism with creative writing, *can only be submitted in one category*, indicated with the submission.
- ◆ Edited collections in both the scholarly and creative categories are eligible.
- ◆ The committee on scholarly ecocriticism will consider only titles in that genre; books with a general environmental theme that do not meet that criteria will not be entered into the contest.
- ◆ Works must be in English.
- ◆ Self-published books, or writing that is not book length, will not be considered.
- ◆ Nominees must be current [members of ASLE](#) or an [international affiliate](#) as of January 8, 2027.

#### Submission Instructions:

- ◆ Works may be submitted by either the author or publisher. Authors are advised to coordinate with their publishers to avoid multiple, or missed, submissions.
- ◆ Deadline for receipt of all submissions is **January 8, 2027**. *This deadline is firm and NO EXCEPTIONS will be made for late entries.*
- ◆ Electronic copies of the work (eBook or publisher's PDF; password-protected and/or watermarked is fine) are encouraged if available. **Otherwise, three hard copies** of the nominated book should be sent to the appropriate coordinator below.
- ◆ If a hard-copy book submission makes the finalist round, we will require two more hard copies for judges.
- ◆ Submit ALL book entries via the Google forms linked below; e-copies can be uploaded via the form. If sending hard copies, use the appropriate mailing address below to complete submission.

#### **Ecocriticism Book Award:**

<https://forms.gle/tCEQqnDxYTYoYjMm6>

Eric Morel, English Department  
Washington State University, Tri-Cities  
2710 Crimson Way  
Richland, WA 99354  
Contact email: [eric.morel@wsu.edu](mailto:eric.morel@wsu.edu)

#### **Creative Writing Book Award:**

<https://forms.gle/KxfRk9Jw3EJaP37H9>

UWB IAS - Ching-In Chen  
Box 358530  
18115 Campus Way NE  
Bothell, WA 98011-8246  
Contact email: [chingin@uw.edu](mailto:chingin@uw.edu)