

Azim Premji University | Kannada Initiative

Call for writers: Contribute to Children's Kannada Literature



Azim Premji University invites submissions for original Kannada literature for children. This is a unique opportunity for both emerging and experienced writers to contribute meaningfully to the field of children's literature in Kannada.

Why Participate

Selected writers will receive dedicated support and mentorship to create high-quality, engaging, and age-appropriate literature for children. Writers new to children's literature will particularly benefit from:

- *Mentorship by literary experts* through a series of workshops
- *Peer interaction* with both emerging and established writers
- *Opportunities for publication*
- *Financial support for all selected writers* for travel and accommodation for workshops. In addition, a nominal fellowship amount of Rs. 10,000/- will be paid to the writers whose manuscripts have been selected for publication (on submission of final manuscripts)

Who Can Apply

- Writers with previously published works (not necessarily in children's literature)
- New writers interested in exploring children's literature
- Writers must write original content in Kannada; translations are not eligible

What Can You Write?

We welcome a wide range of genres, including but not limited to Stories (realistic, historical, scientific, fantasy, or mystery), Poems, Plays or dramas, Biographies, Travelogues and Novels

Writers must indicate **the intended genre and target age group** of their writing. While there is no prescribed word limit, the length should be appropriate to the genre and age group.

We particularly encourage content that is **inclusive**, celebrates **diversity**, and uses **creative and innovative storytelling** approaches to engage young minds.

Submission Guidelines

- Include your **name, address, email ID, phone number**, and **writing experience** (if any)
- Mention your **chosen genre** and **target age group**
- Attach a **sample of your writing** (published or unpublished) **OR** an **extended summary** of your intended contribution
- All submissions must be in **Kannada (Unicode format)**
- Refer to the **detailed concept note and guidelines** before applying

Last date for submissions: November 30, 2025

Email your application to: kannada.makkalashahitya@apu.edu.in

For queries, contact: Dinesh Madagaonkar – 9844049489

Selection Process

Writers will be shortlisted based on the quality and originality of their submitted sample or extended summary. The process (See flow chart) includes:

1. **Initial screening** of writing samples/extended summaries by expert's panel
2. **Shortlisted writers** will be invited to submit complete drafts of their writings (story/poem/play/non-fiction) within a given deadline (date to be communicated later)
3. **Selection** of writings by the experts' panel
4. Selected writers will participate in **mentorship workshops**, receive feedback, revise their drafts, and finalise and submit **final manuscripts**
5. Final selection of a few writings for publication based on expert review of final manuscripts.

Note: Submission of a manuscript does **not guarantee publication**. Final publication decisions will be made by the expert panel, and their decision will be final.

Copyright and Rights

- Azim Premji University will retain **exclusive rights** to all submitted literature
- Submissions **cannot be shared or published elsewhere** without written permission
- As part of a not-for-profit initiative, **no royalty or honorarium** will be paid for published works other than the fellowship.

This initiative is a step toward enriching the world of children's literature in Kannada. We invite passionate writers to be a part of this meaningful journey.

Application for writing Children's Literature in Kannada

1. Personal Details

- Full Name:
- Date of Birth:
- Address:
- Email ID:
- Phone Number:
- Occupation:
- Hobbies:

2. Writing Experience

- Have you published any works before? (Yes/No)
- If yes, please provide brief details (title, genre, publisher, year):
- If no, briefly describe (in 3-4 sentences) your interest in writing and your motivation for exploring children's literature:

3. Proposed Submission Details

- Title of Work (if applicable):
- Genre:
(Tick or highlight one or more)
 - Story (realistic / historical / scientific / fantasy / mystery)
 - Poem
 - Play / Drama
 - Biography
 - Travelogue
 - Novel
 - Other (please specify): _____
- Target Age Group:
(e.g. 6–8 years, 9–12 years, 13+)
- Brief Summary of Intended Contribution (if sample not attached):
(Up to 1000 words in Kannada, Unicode format)

4. Attachments Checklist

Please make sure to attach the following with your application:

- Writing Sample (unpublished)

OR

Extended Summary (up to 1000 words) of intended writing

- Any previously published works (optional)

Note: All attachments must be in Kannada (Unicode format).

5. How did you know about this Initiative?

6. Declaration

I hereby declare that the content submitted is original and written by me. I understand that the selection and publication process is competitive, and submission does not guarantee publication. I also agree that Azim Premji University retains exclusive rights to all submitted content.

Signature:

Name:

Date: