

Guidelines for the 2026 Chung Yuan Christian University

Aesthetic Life Writing Contest

Origin : Chung Yuan Christian University celebrated its 70th anniversary in 2025, and this glory and memory will continue to bloom in 2026. To record this golden period transcending time, this event sincerely invites students to capture campus inspirations and daily life through text and images, preserving eternal aesthetic memories for "CYCU 70". Meanwhile, facing the popularization of generative AI technology, an "AI Collaboration Group" is specially established to encourage students to explore new possibilities combining technology and humanities, transforming their affection for their alma mater into innovative chapters.

Organizing Units :

- Organizer: Chung Yuan Christian University Chang Ching Yu Memorial Library.
- Co-organizers: Chung Yuan Christian University Center for General Education, Mandarin Learning Center in CYCU.

Participants : Domestic students, Mandarin learning students, and course-attaching students of CYCU.

Categories and Groups :

- Language and Theme: Works must be **written in Chinese**. The theme should focus on the people, events, and objects at Chung Yuan Christian University, recording aesthetic life experiences.
- Submission Categories: Submissions are divided into prose, new poetry, and social media creations.
- Participant Groups: Please choose one group from the above categories to register:
 - **[Original Group]**: The entire text must be personally created, and no generative AI tools may be used to assist in writing.
 - **[AI Collaboration Group]**: AI tools are allowed to assist in conceptualizing and refining text. However, the name of the AI software used (e.g., ChatGPT, Gemini, etc.) must be clearly stated at the end of the article. Participants may also explain the collaboration method or provide the prompt (Example: "I wrote the first draft initially, and then asked AI to refine the tone to make it more in line with the lyrical style of new poetry.").

Registration and Schedule :

- Registration/Submission Period: March 16, 2026 to May 24, 2026.
- Registration/Submission Website: <https://services.lib.cycu.edu.tw/handin/>.

Submission Format and Guidelines :

1. Entries must be submitted as a **Word document**, with the file name formatted as: **Student ID_Full Name_Title of Work**.
2. Participants may determine the word count for prose and new poetry, with a maximum limit of 2000 words. The title should be in bold 16-point font in KaiTi, and the content in KaiTi 12-point font horizontally written with a fixed line height of 25pt.
3. Social media creations should replicate posting scenarios on platforms like Instagram and Twitter. They should comprise an original image and content between 200 and 500 words, establishing a "picture-first, text-second" approach. In addition to submitting the comprehensive creative content in a Word file, a separate PDF file of the original image with a resolution surpassing 300dpi is mandatory.
4. Previously published works in other publications are ineligible for submission.
5. Participants are advised to retain a copy of their submissions, as they will not be returned.

Reward System : The competition is divided into three categories: prose, new poetry, and social media creations, and further divided into the [Original Group] and [AI Collaboration Group]. The prizes for each category are as follows:

Award	Original Group	AI Collaboration Group
1st Place	NT\$5,000	NT\$3,500
2nd Place	NT\$3,000	NT\$2,000
3rd Place	NT\$1,000	NT\$800
Honorable Mentions	NT\$500 each	NT\$500 each

- Note on Rewards: Overseas students who have not resided in Taiwan for more than 183 days within the current year will have a 20% tax withheld from the prize money.

Evaluation and Important Notes :

1. A panel of scholars and experts will be invited to conduct the evaluation. Should the quality of the submissions fail to meet the standards, the panel reserves the right not to award prizes.
2. Chung Yuan Christian University retains the right to collect, promote, and utilize all award-winning works without altering the original content, and without additional compensation.
3. Submissions found to involve plagiarism, ghostwriting, or violation of submission conditions will result in disqualification and the forfeiture of prize money. The submitter shall bear all legal responsibilities.
4. The list of winners will be announced on the organizer's event webpage, and an award ceremony will be held in June.
5. These guidelines may be revised and supplemented at any time.

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