



# **QUARTO TRANSLATIONS/GOLDEN EGG** **ACADEMY DIVERSITY AWARDS**

## **FAQs**

### 1. *What does it involve?*

The QT/GEADAs are awards that enable aspiring writers or aspiring editors to take part in one of the GEAcademy Plans – the cost of which under normal circumstances might be prohibitive. In order to apply you need to complete the appropriate forms, but also attach the first three chapters of your manuscript plus a one page synopsis or an essay – see additional material – if applying for the Editors’ Course.

The GEA programme of subscription Plans has been designed to offer a variety of workshops and one2one editorial sessions to ensure that a writer has the tools needed for a writing career. Each Plan is made up of high quality, carefully crafted workshops and editorial sessions, developed to ensure that the editors have an in-depth understanding of the writer and their work in progress. The Plans include: Foundation Year, Academy Plan and Mentoring Plan, as well as the Editors’ Course. There is also a Hardship Award open to writers who cannot afford to attend GEA. To be eligible for this award, more detailed forms need to be completed detailing your financial affairs plus a statement to help us understand your financial position.

### 2. *What do we mean by diverse?*

For the purposes of the QT/GEADA we are using the definition according to Inclusive Minds: race and heritage, disability, gender and gender identity, sexual orientation, age, socio-economic status, religion, and culture encompassing under-represented groups identified as BAME, LGBTQ+ and the disabled including mental health and learning difficulties.

3. *Must the novel I write be about diverse characters?*  
No, it does not need to be if you are applying as a diverse author. You can write about whatever you want to. You can also apply if your main characters could identify with one or more marginalised groups. (BAME, LGBTQ+ or disabled).
4. *Do I need a complete manuscript?*  
No. But if you do not have a complete manuscript, you will only be eligible for Foundation Year.
5. *Am I eligible?*  
In order to be eligible you must either identify with one or more of the following marginalised groups: BAME, LGBTQ+ and/or disabled who are currently under-represented as writers for children in the UK. And/or be writing a manuscript that includes main characters who are diverse and can be identified as BAME and/or LGBTQ+ and/or disabled. You must also be over the age of 18 and based in the UK. Applicants should not have had a children's or young adult work published before. We are aware that some people may have taken the decision to self-publish. Any works previously self-published must not prevent the applicant being seen as a debut author e.g. if the applicant has been successful in this area and is well-known for their work. The applicant must not be agented for children's fiction/picture book, however they may be eligible if they have published/ have an agent for adult fiction or non-fiction. Please check with us regarding eligibility and any publishing/agenting issues by emailing [Vanessa@GoldenEggAcademy.Co.UK](mailto:Vanessa@GoldenEggAcademy.Co.UK)  
  
Writers may apply even if they are already members of GEA but cannot use the manuscript on which they are currently working. Staff and family members from GEA and QT are not eligible.
6. *What if I cannot afford to apply or do any GEA courses?*  
Consider applying for our Hardship Fund. All information supplied will be treated in the strictest confidence.
7. *What is the closing date for applications?*  
The closing date for applications is 11.59pm on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017.
8. *Can I apply for the Editors' Course?*  
Yes, if you wish to apply for the Editors' Course you should complete the attached form including a letter explaining why you want to do the Editors' Course. In addition attach a 2000 word essay on the importance of editing and diversity in publishing.
9. *Can I write a picture book?*  
No. In this instance we are focusing on novels.

10. *I have applied what happens next?*

You will receive an automatic response which you should take as evidence of receipt. It is anticipated that there will be a large volume of applications so sadly we will be unable to reply to each one individually. A decision will be made on what type of Award will be made dependent on applicants. The applicants will be longlisted; this will then be reduced to a short list which will be considered by a panel. Those who are selected will be informed of their Award and what Plan they have been allocated by the end of September 2017 enabling them to take advantage of the Award and start the appropriate Plan/Course in January 2018

11. *What will I need to do if I get an Award?*

If you are lucky enough to get a QT/GEADA you will be informed of the Plan you have been allocated. You will be expected to complete the Plan and spend the period of the Plan working on your manuscript. Receiving an award means you are making a commitment to your writing in terms of time and this may involve some travel.

12. *Where do workshops take place?*

Most workshops currently take place in London. Neither GEA nor QT are responsible for the travel costs for anyone who receives a QT/GEADA. Some of the editorial one2ones are done via skype.

13. *What if I apply and I am not selected?*

If you are not successful you will be notified by the end of October 2017. Perseverance is vital. Keep writing. We hope to run these Awards on an annual basis and you may be able to apply again next year. Keep an eye on what we do by following our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/GoldenEggAcademy/>) or check out our Twitter @TheGEAcademy - in particular see our #geaqa every Monday night at 7.30pm.

14. *Will you pass my information onto other organisations?*

No, all data (including, but not limited to, the applicants name and address) will be securely held by GEA under the terms and provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998. It will be treated confidentially and with the utmost care and respect. It will never be circulated or sold to third parties. It is for the sole use of GEA only.

15. *My question has not been answered here – who can I contact?*

You can contact [Vanessa@GoldenEggAcademy.co.uk](mailto:Vanessa@GoldenEggAcademy.co.uk) ensuring you put QT/GEADA Question in the subject title.