

Writer · in · Exile Edmonton

The Edmonton Writer in Exile Committee invites applications for its PEN Canada Writer in Exile residency in 2010-2011.

The successful applicant will have the opportunity to write full-time for a year in equipped offices at the Edmonton Public Library and University of Alberta. Some public speaking and community work is expected: previous Writers in Exile have been asked to meet with other writers individually, and to address school classes and community groups; opportunities depend both on the interests of the writer and requests from the community, but we want to ensure both that your words are read, and that your voice is heard. The residency will run from 1 October 2010 to 31 August 2011, during which time a financial stipend is provided, paid on a bi-weekly basis, totalling \$30,000; no additional funds are provided for travel or other expenses.

Qualifications:

- The writer has immigrated to Canada from another country as a refugee or as an immigrant seeking freedom of expression;
- The writer has published a significant volume of work, which may include books in any literary genre, plays, screenplays or published journalism;
- The writer is aware of the challenges to freedom of expression around the world, and willing to engage Edmontonians in a public discussion about them.
- The writer has a working knowledge of English.

The Edmonton Writer in Exile Committee will normally give preference to applicants who have not previously held a Writer in Exile position (or equivalent) elsewhere. Any successful applicant who is not already a member will be strongly encouraged to apply for membership in PEN Canada's Writers in Exile Program (at <http://www.pencanada.ca/programs/exile/application.php>).

Interested applicants should send a completed copy of this form, in hard copy or by email, preferably along with a brief writing sample (with English translation, if possible), to:

Anna-Marie Klassen
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Edmonton Public Library
Centre for Reading and the Arts
7 Sir Winston Churchill Square
Edmonton, AB T5J 2V4

Phone: 780- 496-7032
email: aklassen@epl.ca

Deadline: 31 July 2010

The Writer in Exile program in Edmonton is a joint initiative of PEN Canada, the Edmonton Arts Council, the University of Alberta, Athabasca University, the Edmonton Public Library, LitFest, and the Writers Guild of Alberta.

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Please answer any and all questions that are relevant to your career and situation.

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Surname: _____

First name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Nationality: _____

Country of Residence: _____

When did you leave your home country? _____

What is your legal status in the country where you currently live: _____

What is your family status? _____

Spouse's name: _____

Spouse's Nationality: _____

Number of children (include ages): _____

First or primary language: _____

Other languages (please specify ability to read, write, speak):

Education / Training:

Please list educational institutions and dates attended, degree(s) obtained;
also list details of any experience or training you have in public speaking,
teaching (classroom, workshop, etc), facilitation, etc.

2. ARTISTIC BACKGROUND [please append additional pages if necessary]

- a) Published works (title, publisher, place and date of publication, genre):
- b) Published translations (title, publisher, place and date of publication, genre):
- c) Journalism (list selected articles with dates, and publications)
- d) Notable unpublished works (title, date, genre)
- e) Other works (music, cinema, theatre, visual arts)

3. CENSORSHIP AND THREATS [Briefly answer the following questions:]

- What does the term “exile” mean to you?
- Describe the censorship situation in your home country.
- Have you ever been subject subject to legal prosecution, or physical or verbal threats, because of your writing? If YES, please describe.
- Would your return to your home country be dangerous for you or pose an obstacle to your artistic expression? If YES, please explain.

4. WRITER IN EXILE PROGRAM

How did you hear about Edmonton’s Writer in Exile program?

5. PROPOSAL

Describe (in roughly 300 words) what you hope to accomplish as Edmonton's Writer in Exile. Most importantly, what program of writing would you undertake – what type of writing, in what genre and in which language(s), for what anticipated audience(s)? Also, would you see yourself as filling a public function as Writer in Exile and, if so, how?

Signature: _____

Full Name: _____

Date and Place: _____