



The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem Announces The 2013 International Writing Program at the University of Iowa

The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem and the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) is pleased to announce the International Writing Program (IWP), in partnership with the University of Iowa, to bring to the United States established and emerging foreign writers to participate in the 2013 cycle of this prestigious international residency program. The ten-week residency in Iowa City will tentatively begin on August 24, 2013, and end on November 12, 2013.

The IWP is specifically designed to include established and emerging creative writers who have published at least one book (or whose work has appeared in significant publications over the past two years) and possess sufficient proficiency in English to benefit from an extended U.S. program. One of the program's core objectives is to bring together a wide range of international and U.S. writers to examine current trends in literature. This professional enrichment program will be enhanced for international participants by a first-hand experience of American society and culture.

The international writers will spend 10 weeks in residence at the University of Iowa in Iowa City presenting their work to local audiences, working with student translators, and participating in classes and workshops. The program will help these participants bring their countries' literary works to a wider audience and learn more about American literature. The 2013 program will also feature increased opportunities for writers to participate in optional collaborative projects with artists from other disciplines including music, theater and dance; the residency will also include field trips to attend literary events. Participants will travel for at least 10 days within the United States to meet with local writers and collaborate with artists in other fields. Further details about the program are available on the IWP website <http://iwp.uiowa.edu/>.

Participant Qualifications

- Candidates must be Palestinian residents of Jerusalem, the West Bank, or Gaza Strip.
- Writers who have achieved literary distinction in their own countries, and those who have demonstrated literary talent, broad appeal, and/or an interest in contributing to the creative writing culture in their home countries.
- Poets, fiction writers, dramatists, and screenwriters are eligible for nomination.
- Writers whose publications and careers focus on literary translation and non-fiction (feature journalism, cultural commentary, biography, and memoirs) are also eligible.
- Candidates should have at least one published volume of work, or works that have appeared in significant publications over a period of at least two years.
- Candidates must be fluent in English, comfortable with cross-cultural dynamics, and interested in close interaction with other artists from a variety of diverse cultures.

Important Note:

- Participation in the program is contingent upon the applicant qualifying for a J-1 visa to the U.S.

- Holders of American passports or green cards are **not eligible to participate** in this program.

Application Deadline and inquiries:

Please submit your CV and your publication by April 7th

Jerusalem and West Bank Applicants: Email CV and application to Exchanges@state.gov and copy Sirianimy@state.gov call 02-622-7107 for more information

Gaza Applicants: Email GazaExchanges@gmail.com; call 08-286-4623, or 059-967-7317 for more information.