



## The American Consulate General in Jerusalem Announces

### The 2014 International Writing program Residency (IWP)



The American Consulate General in Jerusalem, and the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) are pleased to partner once again with the University of Iowa to announce the International Writing Program (IWP). IWP brings established and emerging foreign writers to the United States to participate in the 2014 cycle of this prestigious ten-week program in Iowa City, which will tentatively begin on August 23, 2014, and end on November 11, 2014.

The objective of IWP is to bring together a wide range of international and U.S. writers to examine current trends in literature while supporting the development of democratic principles such as freedom of expression, human rights, and women's empowerment. 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 2014 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 across the country. 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

The IWP provides a unique inter-cultural experience for established writers who have achieved literary distinction in their own countries, as well as for rising stars 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.

- Candidates must be Palestinian residents of Jerusalem, the West Bank, or Gaza Strip.
- Writers whose publications and careers focus on literary translation and non-fiction (feature journalism, cultural commentary, biography, and memoirs) will be judged primarily by their work in one of the creative genres.
- 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.

- All 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, one published volume of work, and copy of passport no later than March 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**Jerusalem and West Bank Applicants:** Email CV and copy of passport to [Exchanges@state.gov](mailto:Exchanges@state.gov); with a copy to [sirianimy@state.gov](mailto:sirianimy@state.gov); call 02-622-7107 for more information.

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