

**UNITED STATES CONSULATE GENERAL IN HO CHI MINH CITY
PUBLIC AFFAIRS SECTION**

**Announcement
2012 International Writing Program at the University of Iowa**

The Public Affairs Section (PAS) of the U.S. Consulate General in Ho Chi Minh City is pleased to announce the International Writing Program at the University of Iowa in 2012. Writers who wish to apply for this program are invited to complete the attached application form and send it to PAS by **Monday, April 30, 2012**. Selections will be announced in May, 2012. This announcement is applicable to candidates who live in the provinces of Vietnam from Thua Thien-Hue to the south.

Program Overview

The International Writing Program (IWP) is funded by the U.S. Department of State in cooperation with the University of Iowa. It is designed to bring established and emerging international writers to the United States for a ten-week residency in Iowa City from August 25, 2012 to November 13, 2012. The IWP provides opportunities for participants to examine current trends in literature and a first-hand experience of American society and culture. While in Iowa City, the international writers will present 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 2012 program will also feature increased opportunities for writers to participate in optional collaborative projects with artists from other disciplines including theater and dance. The residency will also include field trips to attend literary events and travel for at least 10 days within the United States to meet with local writers and collaborate with artists in other fields. All participant costs, including program administration, international and domestic travel and ground transportation, housing and subsistence, books, mail, and incidental allowances will be sponsored by the U.S. Department of State. We hope to nominate one writer from southern Vietnam for the 2012 IWP.

Candidate Qualifications

Eligible candidates for the 2012 International Writing Program must:

- Typically be between the ages of 25-50;
- Writers, including poets, fiction writers, dramatists, and screenwriters, 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.
- Literary translators and writers whose publications and careers focus on creative non-fiction (feature journalism, cultural commentary, biography, and memoirs) are also eligible for this program.
- Candidates should have at least one prestigious prize or award, or works that have regularly appeared in significant publications.

- All nominees must be fluent in English, comfortable with cross-cultural dynamics, and interested in close interaction with other artists from a variety of diverse cultures.
- Have not participated in the IWP program before;
- Need to have the flexibility in their schedules to spend 10 weeks in the United States.

Application

Eligible candidates are invited to submit by post a complete application form ([attached](#)) and hard copies of prizes, awards or certificates to the following address no later than **5:00 PM, Monday, April 30, 2012.**

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