



U.S. MISSION TO VIETNAM

Announcement 2023 INTERNATIONAL WRITING PROGRAM

The U.S. Mission to Vietnam seeks candidates for the 2023 International Writing Program (IWP) Fall Residency, to be hosted by the University of Iowa from approximately August 19 to November 6, 2023. Established and emerging Vietnamese writers of fiction, graphic novels, drama, poetry and screenplays who are proficient in English, are cordially invited to apply for the program. The 2023 in-person session will bring together 30 emerging and mid-career writers from around the world for an immersive twelve-week cultural exchange program. The application deadline is **February 21, 2023**.

IWP Fall Residency Program Background and Description:

Sponsored by the United States Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, IWP's Fall Residency is one of the most prestigious programs of its kind in the United States. It furthers participants' professional development, understanding of creative writing, literature, publishing and U.S. societal values and facilitates interdisciplinary collaboration. Program activities will provide international writers with opportunities to engage with the U.S. creative economy and culture and encourage American writers to connect with priority foreign audiences. IWP's host institution, the University of Iowa, is also home to the world-renowned Iowa Writers' Workshop. In 2008, Iowa City became the first UNESCO City of Literature (<http://www.iowacityofliterature.org/>) in the United States, the third such city in the world. Two IWP alumni—Orhan Pamuk of Turkey and Mo Yan of China—have received the Nobel Prize in Literature.

IWP Fall Residency Application and Selection Process:

This competition is open to all applicants who meet the following minimum criteria:

- ❖ Is a Vietnamese citizen;
- ❖ Is an established or emerging writer of fiction, graphic novels, drama, poetry or screenplays;
- ❖ Is an adult between the age of 21 and 64 at the time of the program;
- ❖ Is able to travel to the United States and stay for the full twelve weeks;
- ❖ Has a significant publication record: at least one published book or screenplay/play, or a record of publishing regularly over the previous two years in traditional or online media;
- ❖ Is comfortable with cross-cultural dynamics and eager to engage with other writers from diverse cultures;
- ❖ Is fluent in English. The working language of the program is English, and visa issuance requires that candidates are proficient speakers of English. Candidates need **not** write in English; the program provides translation for their creative work as needed.
- ❖ Family members and others are not allowed to accompany the writers during the Fall Residency.

- ❖ The IWP welcomes nominees with disabilities who require accommodations to participate in the program.

If you have any questions about a candidate's qualifications, please visit the [Fall Residency's FAQ website](#) or contact the Public Affairs Section, U.S. Embassy in Hanoi, via email NguyenNTM@fan.gov

Application Process:

All candidates must be nominated by the U.S. Embassy Hanoi and U.S Consulate General in HCMC. Funding by the U.S. Department of State includes international airfare, housing and food and other program costs. Your application will be reviewed based upon the quality of your writing submissions.

- Apply online: applicants should send the following materials via email with following documents:
 - A literary-focused CV;
 - A 10- to 15-page writing sample in English or English translation in clearly formatted material;
 - The text of the writing sample in its original language (if other than English);
 - Biographical information on the writer and a statement of why they are applying for the program and how the program will benefit them in the future.

Applicants residing from Quang Tri and areas to the north, please email NguyenNTM@fan.gov
Applicants residing from Hue and areas to the south, please email TAYL@fan.gov

- Application Deadline: The application deadline is **February 21, 2023**. No exceptions will be made regarding the deadline.

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