

Guidelines for the literature scholarship „Writer of the City of Graz“

Call for applications for the "Writer of the City of Graz" scholarship for the period from September 1st this year to August 31st next year.

Donation / Intention of promotion

The city of Graz awards the "Writer of the City of Graz" scholarship each year. It includes the provision of an apartment for free in the Cerrini-Schloessl on the Schlossberg, from September 1st of the year of awarding until August 31st of the following year, and a monthly allowance of EURO 1.300.

The Kulturvermittlung Steiermark will supervise the guest in consultation with the City of Graz-Department for Cultural Affairs.

The intention is to promote writers who show innovative ability and examination of current subject matters, quality in aesthetic and linguistic terms, authenticity and artistic independence. The residence in Graz should contribute to cultural exchange and interaction with the local literature scene.

The scholarship holders explicitly agree to stay in Graz for at least 8 months during this period.

Writers who already have been "Writers of the City of Graz" in the past cannot apply again for this scholarship.

The submission deliberately does not provide any regional restrictions for the applicants, in order to make intercultural discourse between European and non-European writers possible. However, intercultural exchange is an indispensable approach for awarding the scholarship.

Basic requirements

- cultural interest in and linguistic affinity to Graz
- basic German language ability
- at least one autonomous literary publication (no private publishing); five published texts in magazines or anthologies; or two already broadcast or published radio plays; or one stage play already performed at a theatre or published
- cooperativeness for a dialog between literature and the local urban environment
- cooperativeness for participation in readings, lectures at schools, discussions etc. arranged by the City of Graz-Department for Cultural Affairs or the Kulturvermittlung Steiermark, in order to connect with the public and the cultural scene in Graz
- working out a proposal for a specific project, which shall be realised during the duration of the stay

Required documents (to be submitted electronically)

- statement of purpose (informal)
 - curriculum vitae (resume)
 - list of publications
 - 2 different publications (plus translations if not published in German) *)
 - printed texts (5-10 pages prose or drama texts; or 5 poems in original language with German translations)
 - concept for the proposed project (appr. 2 pages DIN A4) **)
- * Dimension: 5 to 10 pages text samples, sending of books not necessary
** Description of a concrete project idea to be implemented during your stay in Graz

Method of awarding

- call for applications
- evaluation by the extended advisory board for literature and the City of Graz-Department for Cultural Affairs
- decision by City of Graz authorities

Deadline for applications

The deadline for submission will be published on the website of the city by January 15th of the award year at the latest.

Applications should be sent to

kulturamt@stadt.graz.at

Data protection

Applicants for the literature scholarship "Grazer Stadtschreiber*in" agree with their participation for the literature scholarship that their personal informations will be stored electronically and used for the selection process in the Cultural Office of the City of Graz and that the submission documents for the assessment will be sent to the expert jury.

By granting the scholarship, the scholarship holder agrees in accordance with the Data Protection Principles Regulation that his/her data are electronically stored and that these are announced in public reports (subsidy report of the city of Graz, art and culture report, website of the city).