

**Writer-in-Exile program information:**

This program is a joint initiative of the Edmonton Public Library, University of Alberta, Athabasca University, MacEwan University, the Writers Guild of Alberta and LitFest.

The program assists a writer, who has left his or her homeland because of political or social oppression or hostility, in establishing a professional track record in Canada. The program helps the participant obtain translation and publishing opportunities and make contacts with Canadian writers, editors, and educators.

The selected writer spends 60% of their time writing and 40% doing community outreach, including open office hours to provide advice to writers, presentations at public events and working with immigrant writers living in the City of Edmonton.