



# Paul Celan Fellowships for Translators

## 2015 / 2016 — Call for Application

### Objective

The aim of the Paul Celan Fellowship Program is to overcome deficits and asymmetries in the exchange of ideas and the reception of scholarly literature which result from the division of Europe in the 20th century. Therefore, the program supports translations of canonical texts and contemporary key works in the humanities, social sciences and cultural studies from Eastern to Western, Western to Eastern, or between two Eastern European languages. Special emphasis is put on translations of relevant works written by East European authors and/or by female scholars. A thematic relation to one of the research fields of the IWM is likewise welcomed (for details please see [www.iwm.at/research](http://www.iwm.at/research)). Please note that fiction and poetry will not be accepted.

### Conditions

Paul Celan Visiting Fellows are invited to spend three to six months between July 2015 and June 2016 at the IWM to pursue their translation projects. Fellows receive a monthly stipend in the amount of EUR 2,050 to cover all expenses related to the stay in Vienna. In addition, the IWM provides the fellows with a personal office, including access to internet, in-house research and administrative facilities as well as other services free of charge.

### Application

Applications have to be submitted via the online application form including:

- a curriculum vitae with a bibliography of translations and other relevant publications
- the name of the author and the work to be translated (from the original language) and an explanation for the choice thereof
- the exact number of pages
- a contract or a letter of intent from a publisher proof that the translator/publisher holds the rights to the translation and its publication (or has an option for them)
- the planned date of publication
- information on the program of the publishing house

#### Deadline for Application:

February 28, 2015 (date of receipt)

#### Further Details and Online-Application:

[www.iwm.at/fellowships/celan](http://www.iwm.at/fellowships/celan)

### Selection

The finalists will be selected by a jury of experts. Applicants will be notified of the jury decision in late spring 2015. The jury is not required to publicly justify its decisions.

### Paul Celan

Paul Celan (1920–1970) was a Romanian poet and translator. He was born as Paul Antschel into a Jewish family and changed his name to "Paul Celan". While his parents were deported and eventually died in Nazi labor camps, Celan himself was interned for eighteen months before escaping to the Red Army. He is regarded as one of the most important German-language poets of the post-World War II era.

### About the IWM

The Institute for Human Sciences (IWM) in Vienna is an intellectually and politically independent institute for advanced study in the humanities and social sciences. Since its foundation in 1982, the Institute has promoted intellectual exchange between East and West, academia and society, and a variety of disciplines and schools of thought. The IWM is sustained by a community of scholars consisting of Permanent Fellows, Visiting Fellows and Guests. During each year, the IWM hosts about fifty researchers, journalists and translators.



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