

GRANTS FOR CANADIAN WRITERS

NATIONAL FUNDING BODIES

Canada Council Grants for Professional Writers, Creative Writing

1) Grants for writing projects: Emerging writers: \$3,000-\$12,000; mid-career writers: \$3,000-\$25,000; established writers: \$3,000-\$25,000.

Eligibility: Emerging Writers: one book (all genres) with a professional publishing house, or some texts in literary magazines or recognized periodicals (fiction: four texts published on at least two separate occasions; poetry: a minimum of ten published poems; literary nonfiction: a minimum of forty pages [10,000 words] published in literary journals or recognized periodicals); **mid-career writers:** two to five books with a professional publishing house; **established writers:** six books with a professional publishing house.

Deadline: Oct. 1, for English-language grants; April 1, for French-language grants
Contact: 1/800/263-5588 or 613/566-4414; www.canadacouncil.ca; notification: about five months

2) Travel grants: These grants enable writers to accept invitations that are important to their careers, such as giving keynote talks at conferences and festivals, receiving international prizes and attending residencies in artist colonies. Funding available: \$500-\$2,500; **year-round applications** are accepted. Eligibility: at least one book published or the equivalent (see above). Notification: within three months. Contact: see above.

ACCESS Copyright Foundation

1) Research grants for writing projects: up to \$7,500. Eligibility: writers engaged in research essential to a publishable works in progress (at least one book or five publications in periodicals and journals). **Deadline: Jan. 15.** Contact: Joanne Gerber, joanne@artsboard.sk.ca; 1-800-667-7526.

2) Professional Development Grants: up to \$3,000. Eligibility: writers taking workshops, online courses, attending conferences or exchanges (at least one book or five publications in periodicals and journals). **Deadline: April 1** (contact above).

PROVINCIAL FUNDING BODIES

B. C. Arts Council, Assistance for Creative Writers

1) Grants for writing projects: Level I: up to \$5,000; Level II: up to \$10,000.

Eligibility: Level I: B.C. based writers: one book (or its equivalent: fiction, 120 pages, nonfiction, 120 pages, poetry, 40 pages in literary journals or recognized periodicals), playwrights: one full-length, or two short plays or one full-length play professionally

produced or published. **Level II:** three books, two plays. **Deadline: September 15.**
Contact: Walter Quan, 250/356-1728; website: www.bcartsCouncil.ca.

2) Professional Development Grants: Project grants: up to \$7,000 (for courses, residences, mentorship); Travel grants: up to \$2,500 (for events and other activities)
Deadlines: April 1; August 1; December 1.

Please contact the following websites for information on other provincial grant funding:

Ontario: www.arts.on.ca

Manitoba www.gov.mb.ca

Alberta www.aff.ab.ca

Saskatchewan www.artsboard.sk.ca

Quebec www.calq.gouv.ca

Nova Scotia <http://cch.novascotia.ca>

New Brunswick www.artsnb.ca

Newfoundland and Labrador www.nlac.ca

Yukon www.tc.gov.yk.ca

Northwest Territories www.nwtartsCouncil.ca

MUNICIPAL FUNDING BODIES

Toronto Arts Council

Funding Available: Emerging Writers: \$2,000; Mid-Career and Senior Writers: \$8,000;
Eligibility: Writers with a publishing history (level one: one published work; level two: one book or the equivalent; new works of fiction, literary nonfiction, poetry, stage and radio plays, performance poetry, story telling. Deadline: June.
www.torontoartscouncil.org; 416/392-6802.

For other municipal funding bodies please check arts councils in individual cities.