

Statute of the Visegrad Literary Award

The **Visegrad Literary Award** (hereinafter referred to as “the Award”) is an initiative aimed at promoting literature and authors from the Visegrad Group countries. It will be awarded in 2025 to mark the 25th anniversary of the International Visegrad Fund’s establishment.

1. The Award is funded by the **International Visegrad Fund**, and the Coordinator of the Award project is the **Villa Decius Association** based in Kraków.
2. The Coordinator shall be responsible for coordinating all activities related to the Award, implementing each stage of the process, and conducting promotional efforts.
3. The Award will be granted to **four authors** (one from each V4 country). Each award shall include a component of **€3,000 for the author** and **€3,000 for the publisher/license holder**, intended for the translation of the work into English or German.
4. The call for submissions will be publicly announced no later than 15th August 2025. The deadline for submissions will be set at least four weeks after the announcement, with exact dates published alongside the call.
5. Only authors who have been **beneficiaries of the Visegrad Literary Residency Program** are eligible for nomination, and only works that were the subject of projects within the aforementioned program may be submitted.
6. Submissions may be made by the **authors themselves**, their **publishers/license holder**, or **translators**. A formal condition of the submission is the inclusion of **written consent from the author and the license holder**, expressing their intention to have the work translated.
7. Submissions will be evaluated in a **two-stage process** by four **National Juries** and the **Main Jury**.
8. Each National Jury shall consist of a representative of the local Visegrad Literary Residency Program partner institution and a minimum of **three literary professionals** (publishers, literary critics, translators, etc.) invited by the Coordinator. The selection of National Jury members will be conducted with transparency and impartiality, ensuring a diverse representation of expertise and background.
9. The Main Jury shall consist of a minimum of **five members**: a representative of the International Visegrad Fund and one expert from each of the National Juries.
10. The National Juries will assess the submitted works based on their **literary quality** and **publishing potential** in English- or German-speaking markets.
11. During the evaluation process, each National Jury will select **at least three candidates** from the pool of submissions (the “**shortlist of nominees**”). These nominations, along with the justification for their selection, will be forwarded to the Main Jury for deliberation.
12. The Main Jury shall, by **simple majority vote**, decide on the **final laureates**, awarding one prize each to works originating from **Slovakia, Poland, Hungary, and Czechia**.

13. The results of the evaluation process will be communicated to the authors and publishers no later than December 2025.
14. Financial awards will be disbursed within 30 days of the public announcement of the results by the Coordinator. A component for the publisher/license holder should be a subject of a contract defining publisher/license holder obligations.
15. Any disputes or complaints regarding the award process must be submitted in writing to the Coordinator within 14 days of the award announcement. The Coordinator will review and respond within 30 days.
16. The Award Ceremony will take place no later than in June 2026.