

The Charles Wallace India Trust
TRANSLATION AND CREATIVE WRITING FELLOWSHIP 2023-24
RESIDENCY FOR AN EMERGING LITERARY TRANSLATOR-WRITER FROM INDIA
IN ABERYSTWYTH, WALES



We are pleased to open the call for applications to our **2023-24 Literary Translation and Creative Writing Fellowship** supported by the [Charles Wallace India Trust](#) and based at [Literature Across Frontiers, University of Wales Trinity Saint David](#) in Wales.

Early-career practitioners of literary translation and creative writing in any genre, including prose, poetry and drama are invited to apply for the 2023-24 Fellowship with a proposal combining the two disciplines. The applicants must be Indian citizens resident in India, and preference will be given to those who have not had previous international opportunities and who work with one of the less widely spoken Indian languages. While their project will form the focus of their stay, we will also encourage the selected candidate to engage in academic, cultural and social life and to connect with the literary and arts scene across Wales.

We aim to offer the successful applicant a **ten-week residency during the spring term of 2023-24 academic year between March 1st and June 30th 2024.**

Application deadline: midnight GMT 20th December 2023

Successful applicant will be notified by 15th January 2024

University of Wales Trinity Saint David (UWTSD) was established by Royal Charter and is the oldest in Wales and England after the universities of Oxford and Cambridge. A multi-campus institution with an international outlook, it offers academic courses and learning opportunities in fields directly linked to the creative industries, including creative writing and translation, performance, TV and film production, animation, and many others.

The new **Canolfan S4C Yr Egin Centre** on Carmarthen Campus, established in partnership between the national broadcaster S4C and UWTSU, puts the university at the forefront of support for the future creative industries in Wales.

The fellowship will be based in the town of Aberystwyth. With its vibrant bilingual culture and a host of book-related organisations and institutions such as the **Books Council**, the **National Library of Wales**, and the **Centre for Advanced Welsh and Celtic Studies (CAWCS)** where **Literature Across Frontiers (LAF)** is based alongside **Wales Literature Exchange (WLE)** and **Wales PEN Cymru (WPC)**, Aberystwyth offers a stimulating yet peaceful creative environment. LAF, together with WLE, has a long-standing literary connection with India through initiatives implemented in partnership with the British Council, Wales Arts International and numerous local partners, including leading literary festivals, book fairs, and cultural and educational institutions. The organisation has been managing international literary and translation projects, residencies and workshops, and has supported the creative and professional development of emerging writers and translators, with a special focus on combining the two creative disciplines.

What we offer

- contribution towards international travel costs up to £600 payable on the fellow's arrival in the UK
- monthly living grant of £1200 for the duration of the fellowship to cover accommodation and subsistence costs, payable on arrival in the UK
- advice on finding accommodation (to be paid by the fellow from their grant)
- office space at CAWCS
- structured programme of engagement and opportunities to connect with the literary and translation scene of Wales
- dedicated staff who will provide support for the fellow during their stay

The selected fellow is obliged to

- apply and pay for their UK visa
- purchase their flight and comprehensive travel insurance
- familiarise themselves with any transit visa requirements
- find and secure their accommodation in Aberystwyth before arriving

Eligibility criteria

To be eligible the applicant must

- be an Indian citizen, domiciled and resident in India
- be an early-career translator and writer in any creative genre including fiction, creative non-fiction, poetry and drama
- be over 25 years of age – there is no upper age limit as long as the applicant is an early-career practitioner
- have completed university-level education in the field of humanities, literature and/or literary translation, and/or have at least three years' experience manifested in published work
- have a clear proposal stating what they plan to do during their residency, how they hope to use the

experience on their return to India and how they will conclude their project (e.g. publication, staging, etc.)

- have not been given a Charles Wallace India Trust Writing or Translation Fellowship grant within the previous five years.

Additionally, in the 2023-24 selection, preference will be given to candidates working in one of the less widely spoken Indian languages, and those who have not had previous international opportunities.

Application

Applications for the fellowship will include the following:

- completed application form
- clear and concise proposal (no longer than 1000 words) of what you plan to achieve during the residency and how you will use this in your work once you return to India
- two references from referees who know your work very well (to be sent directly by the referees)
- examples of both your creative writing and literary translation in pdf format
- passport format photo and full CV

Attachments must be in PDF, Word or JPEG format and should not be larger than 3MB combined. Please do not send any supporting material such as writings and books by email or post, as such material cannot be taken into account in assessing your application and we will not be able to return it to you.

Your application should also include two completed **reference forms** from referees who know your work well and can comment on how you would benefit from the fellowship. **This form should be completed by your referee and returned directly to LAF at the addresses below.**

Any further enquiries can be made to info@lit-across-frontiers.org with subject line **Enquiry CWIT Fellowship 2023-24.**

Applications and references should be emailed to **LAF Director Alexandra Büchler** at alexandra@lit-across-frontiers.org and a.buchler@uwtsd.ac.uk with cc to Elin Haf at e.haf@wales.ac.uk with subject line **CWIT Fellowship 2023-24** and **the name of the applicant**. Receipt of submitted applications and references will be acknowledged within two days. Applications and references not submitted to these three addresses will be disqualified.

Deadlines

The closing date for receipt of applications is **midnight GMT of 20th December 2023**. No late applications will be accepted. The successful applicant will be notified by **15th January 2024** and their name will be publicly announced as soon as possible on their acceptance of the offer. We will not be able to correspond with unsuccessful applicants and will only contact four shortlisted candidates in addition to the successful applicant.

The decision of the selection committee will be final.