



## **2023 IWP Fall Residency Program**

U.S. Embassy Dhaka is pleased to announce a call for applications from the 2023 International Writing Program (IWP) Fall Residency program. The program will take place at the University of Iowa from August 19 to November 06, 2023. Embassy invites emerging and mid-career Bangladeshi writers of fiction, graphic novels, drama, poetry, and screenplays to apply by no later than 11:59pm (BST) on February 09, 2023.

IWP Fall Residency furthers participants' professional development, understanding of creative writing, literature, publishing and U.S. societal values and facilitates interdisciplinary collaboration. Program activities will provide international writers with opportunities to engage with the U.S. creative economy and culture and encourage American writers to connect with priority foreign audiences. IWP's host institution, the University of Iowa, is also home to the world-renowned Iowa Writers' Workshop. In 2008, Iowa City became the first UNESCO City of Literature (<http://www.iowacityofliterature.org/>) in the United States, the third such city in the world. Two IWP alumni—Orhan Pamuk of Turkey and Mo Yan of China—have received the Nobel Prize in Literature. One of our IWP Fall Residency alumni include Bangla Academy Literary Award winner author, screenwriter, novelist, dramatist and journalist Anisul Haque.

Eligibility requirements:

- A candidate must be a Bangladeshi citizen and residing in Bangladesh to apply. S/he must be a non-U.S. citizen.
- A candidate must have a significant publication record; at least one published book or screenplay/play, or a record of publishing regularly over the previous two years in traditional or online media.
- A candidate must be an adult between the age of 21 and 64 at the time of the program.
- A candidate must be a proficient speaker of English as the working language of the program is English although the program provides translation for their creative work as needed.
- A candidate must be comfortable with cross-cultural dynamics, and eager to engage with other writers from diverse cultures.

Candidates must commit to travel to the United States and stay for the full duration of the program. Family members and others are not allowed to accompany selected writers during the Fall Residency. Candidates with disabilities who require accommodations are strongly encouraged to apply and reach out for additional support.

Please reach out to the Embassy Program Manager, Syeda Kashfi Chowdhury ([ChowdhuryKS@state.gov](mailto:ChowdhuryKS@state.gov)) if you have any questions.

A complete application page entails providing a copy of the following documents:

- One writing sample in English or English translation along with the original language of no more than 10–15 pages
- A literary-focused CV/resume with details of the nominee's literary activities
- Scan of the bio-data page of nominee's passport