

Literature
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Icelandic Literature Center

promotes Icelandic literature abroad

The role of the Icelandic Literature Center is to raise awareness and support the publication of Icelandic literature, both in Iceland and abroad, and to enable its distribution through translation and travel grants.

We support the translation of fiction, children's and young adult books, non-fiction, poetry, drama and graphic novels.

The Icelandic Literature Center is a government-funded office, founded in 2013.

Grants

- ◆ **Translation grants** for foreign publishers to publish a work translated from Icelandic
- ◆ **Nordic translation grants** for publishers within the Nordic countries to translate from Icelandic into Nordic languages
- ◆ **Sample translation grants** for publishers, agents, translators & authors to translate samples from Icelandic
- ◆ **Reader's report grants** for publishers & agents to get professional opinion on Icelandic books
- ◆ **Travel grants for authors** for Icelandic authors, foreign publishers or organizations arranging events to support Icelandic authors travelling to promote their works abroad
- ◆ **Translators residential grants** for translators of Icelandic literature

Grant application deadlines

- ◆ translation, sample translation, reader's report & Nordic translation grants
| February 15th & September 15th
- ◆ travel grants | January 15th, May 15th & September 15th
- ◆ translators residential grants | October 1st

Icelandic literary works are travelling further and wider than ever before and the languages they are being translated into currently amount to around fifty.

Icelandic Literature Center

- ◆ distributes approx. EUR 600,000 in grants annually
- ◆ awards grants for 300 projects every year
- ◆ participates in international book fairs
- ◆ organizes events for translators of Icelandic literature and publishers
- ◆ organizes exchange programs for publishers and agents
- ◆ organizes campaigns and efforts in order to promote reading, increase the number of translated titles and support the export of Icelandic literature

