



2023 QWF AWARDS – CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

COLE FOUNDATION PRIZE FOR TRANSLATION French to English

On November 13, 2023, QWF will award a prize of \$3000 to honour excellence in the category of translation. The 2023 prize will be given for a book translated from French to English. Next year, it will be given to a book translated from English to French. The prize will continue to alternate on an annual basis between the two sub-categories with a two-year eligibility span for each. It is important to understand that the two sub-categories have very different eligibility criteria.

Publishers with eligible titles are asked to send (or arrange to have sent) 5 copies of the translated book, 3 copies of the original French work, and one PDF of each (French and English), as well as a completed submission form, and a \$35 non-refundable submission fee for each title submitted by the appropriate deadline date.

It is the responsibility of the publisher or author submitting the book to ensure that all submitted materials have been received.

A publisher submitting five or more titles is eligible for a \$5 discount on the submission fee. For example, for five titles, the total fee would be \$150 rather than \$175.

ONLINE PAYMENT FOR REGISTRATION FEES

Payment of registration fees (\$35 per submission) can be made electronically [via the QWF Website](#). Please indicate on the Submission Form whether payment has been made online or by cheque.

Eligibility Criteria for French to English Translation Prize

1. Books must have been translated into English from works of fiction, non-fiction or poetry, originally written in the French language. “Graphic novels” are eligible.
2. Books may contain both the original French and the English translation as long as the two texts independently meet all other relevant eligibility criteria.
3. The **translator** must be alive at the time of submission and must have a residence in Quebec. A person who has been living outside of Quebec continuously for more than the past five years will be considered ineligible. If there are two translators, one of them must satisfy all of the above requirements.
4. The prize will be awarded to the translator. Should a book with two translators win, the prize will be divided equally between them, or, if one of them is deceased, between the living translator and the deceased translator’s estate. Books with more than two translators are not eligible.
5. Books must have an ISBN, be commercially available to the public, and contain at least 48 pages of text, excluding illustrations, acknowledgments, etc. (Exception for “graphic novels”: the illustrations will be considered an integral part of the work, and therefore the work as a whole, not the textual component alone, must have at least 48 pages.)
6. Electronic and print-on-demand books are eligible provided that they become commercially available in their final form during the eligibility period, and that they meet all of the other criteria listed here.
7. There is no restriction on the residence of the original author or on the place of publication.
8. A book may be submitted to the QWF Awards only once.
9. Anthologies, reprints, and previously published translations are not eligible.
10. A translated work containing 15% of material that has previously been submitted for the QWF Translation prize is not eligible. Also excluded are children’s books, plays and non-literary books such as: textbooks or books designed primarily for the education market; tertiary material such as indexes, bibliographies, etc.; catalogues; professional reference books; travel guides; manuals or instruction or self-help books, including books that describe how-to techniques, skills, or games; cookbooks; calendars, agendas, and colouring books.

QWF reserves the right to make the final decision regarding the eligibility of any book.

SUBMISSION DEADLINES

- Books published between August 1, 2021 and September 30, 2023 may be submitted, provided that they were not submitted for the 2021 Awards.
- Books published between August 1, 2021 and May 15, 2023 must be submitted for the June 1, 2023 deadline, along with a completed submission form and a \$35 non-refundable submission fee.
- For books coming out between May 16, 2023 and September 30, 2023 you must send in the completed submission form and submission fee by the June 1, 2023 deadline. Completed books, ARCs, or bound galleys must be received in the QWF office by August 1, 2023. The final published book must be received by September 30, 2023, or the submission will be disqualified.
- Books published between August 1, 2023 and September 30, 2023 may instead be submitted for the 2025 awards.
- In the spring of 2024, there will be a call for submissions for books translated from English to French for the 2024 awards. (The 2022 English-to-French Translation Prize criteria are available on request.)

Books may be submitted by publishers or translators.

The books, accompanied by the entry form(s) and \$35 registration fee per title, either by cheque or indication that payment has been made electronically, should be sent to:

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