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Surrounded by nature at the foot of the Jura mountains in Switzerland, the Jan Michalski Foundation for Writing and Literature was created by Vera Michalski in memory of her husband to perpetuate their common commitment to those who devote themselves to the written word.

The mission of the Jan Michalski Foundation is to foster literary creation and encourage the practice of reading through a range of initiatives and activities.

It proposes a vast, public library with more than 70,000 works of literature, three themed expositions per year, cultural events, an annual prize in world literature, financial support for literary projects and, since 2017, a writer-in-residence program. An original group of seven housing units, called “treehouses,” are suspended from the lattice canopy roof of the Foundation and hosts beginning and well-established authors from all over the world, for residency periods ranging from two weeks to five consecutive months.

Conceived as a small community sheltered beneath a canopy and turned toward the world at large, the Jan Michalski Foundation offers a unique place of encounter, a place where writers, artists, and the public come together.

JAN MICHALSKI FOUNDATION WRITING RESIDENCES: APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR THE 2021 SESSION

We are pleased to inform you that applications for the residences 2021 are open until 14 September 2020. A committee of experts will preside over the applications and choose the future residents in November 2020. The selected candidates will be welcomed between February and December 2021.

Residences are open to all types of writing. Priority is given to writers and translators but the residences are open to other disciplines where writing is at the heart of the project. In 2021, as last year, a percentage of the residences will be dedicated to *nature writing*, a form of fiction or creative non-fiction that raises awareness of nature, prepares for a sustainable way of living, and helps to better understand socio-environmental interconnections and the impact of human actions on nature. Residencies can be granted for individual projects or projects in pairs.

The Foundation covers residents' travel costs to and from home and grants a monthly stipend of CHF 1200. Residents can also participate in cultural activities organized by the Foundation.

Applications for the 2021 residences are accepted until 14 September 2020. Please submit your application using our online form available on the following page:

<http://www.fondation-janmichalski.com/en/residence-pour-ecrivains/devenir-resident/>

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