



## **Writing residencies**

**Register form 2024**

**Apply before: 06/03/2023.**

*The Villa Marguerite Yourcenar is a place for sharing, creativity and freedom. The Villa is located at Mont Noir in the heart of the French Flanders, on the site of the former family property of the writer Marguerite Yourcenar (1903-1987).*

*It belongs to the Département du Nord, as does the park that surrounds it. The departmental park and the Villa are located in the town of Saint-Jans-Cappel on the Belgian border, between Lille and Dunkirk, near the towns of Bailleul and Ypres.*

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## CONDITIONS OF STAY

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### LOCATION, PLACE FOR CULTURE AND LARGE LITERARY MEETINGS

The Villa Marguerite Yourcenar, Departmental Centre of Residence for worldwide writers, offers authors one month stay to enable them to write in a calm, peaceful and stimulating location, and to take part in local literary evenings, book fairs, school visits, bookshops, meeting with communities, social services, etc.

It is open to all types of literature: novels, short stories, poetry, theatre, essays, comics, cartoons, children stories, translation...

Since 1997, the Villa Marguerite Yourcenar welcomes around 25 authors per year who have already had one or more works published by a professional editor (editions published at the author's expense are not taken into account).

Collective works, books issued from the university research (theses, scientific works, etc.) didactic and scholar books are also excluded.

### CAPACITY AND CONDITIONS OF STAY

Three writers can be housed simultaneously at the Villa Marguerite Yourcenar. Each one is allocated an office-bedroom with personal bathroom on the first floor.

A car is available for the use of residents.

The Villa Marguerite Yourcenar provides writers with accommodation, breakfast and lunch cooked at the Villa, except at week-ends and Bank Holidays (telephone communications and diners are at residents' own expense).

The Département du Nord will pay for one return and back trip home to the Villa for each resident writer (300€).

The resident writers will receive a grant about 2 000€ a month.

### THE VILLA MARGUERITE YOURCENAR PROMISES TO:

- Submit all application forms received within the set time to a jury of European literary experts. Any incomplete file will not be transmitted to the jury.
- Inform successful candidates in advance that their application has been retained and of the dates they can stay at the Villa Marguerite Yourcenar.
- Organise three meetings in one month with the public of the Nord/Pas-de-Calais area (large public, schools, partners...).
- Encourage encounters with local culture, editors and translators, at the writer's request. Writers-in-residence promise to keep to the following rules and conditions with the signature of an agreement.

### THE RESIDENTS PROMISE TO:

- Spend the stay at the Villa Marguerite Yourcenar continuing or finishing their manuscript. They can give two periods of preference for their stay – the team at the Villa Marguerite Yourcenar will take this into account while organising the dates of stay according to room availability.
- In the publication and in any further editions and translations of the work they have continued during their stay, they must promise to state a sentence similar to the following: **“The following has benefited from a writer-in-residence place at the Villa Marguerite Yourcenar to write this book and has received a grant from the Département du Nord”**.
- Accept to take part in at least 2 meetings with the public during literary events at the Villa Marguerite Yourcenar or outside (schools, book fairs, signing sessions in book shops, etc.)

- Meet communication service and accept that information about themselves (photographs, videos, extracts of their works...) and their work could be published in press, internet by the heading of the Villa Marguerite Yourcenar and be put online on the website of LeNord.fr, website of the Villa, social network such as Facebook, Instagram, NordInfos web application...
- Give twenty pages in numerical file that could possibly be published online.

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## APPLICATION FILE FOR A WRITER-IN-RESIDENCE AT THE VILLA MARGUERITE YOURCENAR

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Please send these documents in PDF format to : [villayourcenar@lenord.fr](mailto:villayourcenar@lenord.fr)

1. Register form dated and signed.
2. Typed bio and bibliographical description in French
3. Note with motivation and residence project in French
4. Three copies of your last published work in French

Three copies of another one of your books published in French, representative of your artistic approach.

For non-francophone writers, send significant extracts translated into French minimum 40 pages. Those extracts must be translated by a professional translator.

5. Typed summary or synopsis of the manuscript for which you are requesting the residence place
6. Press reviews concerning your publications, manuscripts, collective works, school publications are not allowed

All to be sent to the following address before 6 march 2023:

**Villa Marguerite Yourcenar  
2266 Route du Parc  
59270 Saint-Jans-Cappel  
France**

Any incomplete file will not be transmitted to the jury. Candidates will be informed in July 2023.

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## INFORMATION

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Villa Marguerite Yourcenar : [villayourcenar@lenord.fr](mailto:villayourcenar@lenord.fr)

Phone number: 03 59 73 48 90

Questions about the application file: [alice.dhellin@lenord.fr](mailto:alice.dhellin@lenord.fr)

# VILLA MARGUERITE YOURCENAR

APPLICATION FILE 2024

Mr       Mrs

Last Name..... First name.....

Pseudonym.....

Date of birth.....

Place of birth.....

Nationality.....

Address.....

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Phone number.....

Email.....

Driving licence valid in France and Belgium?  Yes       No

## **For non-French-speaking candidates:**

Name and address/email of the translator of your works in French:

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Are you in touch with a French publisher in order to be published in French?

If so, name and address of the publisher:

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Knowledge of French:       passive       active

Practise of French:       oral       written

**Details of the stay:**

Would you prefer?

For a stay between February – July and September December 2024:

1<sup>ST</sup> choice:

2<sup>nd</sup> choice:

**What type of audience would you like to meet?**

- ❖ **Schools:**     Collège (11-15y)             Lycée (15-18y)             University
- ❖ **Professionals:**     Librarians             Research assistant             Teachers
- ❖ **Public:**     Bookshop             Book fair
- ❖ **Precarious public:**     Yes             No
- ❖ **Others:**

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**How did you heard of the Villa Marguerite Yourcenar?**

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**Others:**

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**Date et signature:**