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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 60,000 works of literature, three themed expositions per year, cultural events, an annual prize in world literature, financial support for literary projects and, since Spring 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.

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## Jan Michalski Foundation writing residences: applications now open for the 2020 session

We are pleased to inform you that applications for the residences 2020 are open until 15 September 2019. A committee of experts will preside over the applications and choose the future residents during the month of October 2019. The selected candidates will be welcomed between February and December 2020.

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 2020, 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.

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Applications for the 2019 residences are accepted from 1 May to 15 September 2019. 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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