



Statutes of the Zdeněk Pešat Fellowship

The Zdeněk Pešat Fellowship (hereinafter the 'ZPF') takes its name from an outstanding literary historian and former director of the Institute of Czech Literature of the Czech Academy of Sciences (hereinafter the 'ICL'). It is granted from funds of the ICL or the Czech Literary Bibliography research network.

The Fellowship is targeted at researchers working abroad in the areas of literature, literary biography, literary bibliography, literary theory and/or history in the Czech lands. The ZPF is preferably awarded to applicants whose projects align with research being pursued at the ICL.

The visiting fellowship is intended to finance the scholar's stay for a maximum of four weeks at the ICL's department in Prague or Brno. The ZPF aims to support the implementation of already developed research projects (e. g. books, studies, editions, doctoral theses) and to enhance cooperation with partners in the International Consortium for the Creation and Use of Czech Literary Bibliography. There is therefore no need to develop a specific project for the application.

The ICL provides the ZPF holder with financial support of up to 30,000 CZK to cover accommodation, food and other costs related to the visiting researcher's academic programme of the four-weeks stay at the ICL's department in Prague or Brno.

The ZPF award includes a workspace, library services and other ICL information resources as well as consultation with ICL staff.

Information about applications for the ZPF

The ICL usually makes three ZPF awards per year. At least one of these grants is made to an applicant (doctoral candidate, postdoctoral scholar, researcher or lecturer) from a partner institution in the International Consortium on the Creation and Use of Czech Literary Bibliography to support future institutional cooperation in collecting data for Czech literary bibliographies.

The ICL usually publishes an open call for ZPF applications twice a year, depending on the funding availability. Information about these calls appears on the ICL's website. The ICL reserves the right not to publish one or more calls for ZPF applications each year or to withdraw an existing call.

Applications for the ZPF should include the following:

- Basic information about the applicant: name, academic title(s), date of birth, current place of work/study (research institution, university), permanent address and intended dates of stay at the ICL for a maximum of four weeks;
- Academic CV;
- Research project description including details of the aims and academic programme for the scholar's stay at the ICL (4000 characters maximum incl. spaces);
- Research project title and abstract (500 characters maximum incl. spaces);
- Topic of proposed lecture/research presentation to be given at the ICL during the intended stay;
- Select bibliography of the applicant emphasising titles in Czech studies and other research areas currently being pursued at the ICL. (PhD candidates may include their unpublished theses.)

Applications should be submitted by e-mail to zamini@ucl.cas.cz. Only complete applications in Czech or English will be accepted.

The ZPF is granted by a decision of the ICL Council based on the results of a selection process organised by the ICL's deputy director for international cooperation.

Applicants have no legal entitlement to the ZPF.

Conditions of the ZPF

- After the announcement of the results of the relevant round of awards and without undue delay, the ZPF holder will agree with the ICL on the binding dates of his/her stay. In the event that the ZPF holder demands any changes to those dates or the cancellation of the visit, he/she will pay any associated cancellation fees requested by the ICL.
- The ZPF holder will cover the costs of his/her own travel to and from the Czech Republic.
- The ZPF holder must arrange for health insurance that remains effective throughout his/her stay in the Czech Republic.
- During the ZPF holder's time at the ICL, he/she will deliver a separate lecture or presentation at the ICL about his/her research.
- The ZPF holder will submit a draft written report on the results and intended publication outputs of his/her project to the ICL's deputy director for international cooperation no later than one month after the end of the research visit.
- All publication outputs of the supported project must acknowledge the ZPF award from the ICL and the use of the Czech Literary Bibliography research resources (<https://clb.ucl.cas.cz/en/>) provided by the ICL.
- The ZPF holder is encouraged to submit his or her research findings to the peer-reviewed journal *Česká literatura*.
- The ICL should be notified of every publication output of the supported project, and one copy of the publication should be sent to the ICL.

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