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IDA PROGRAM FOR TRANSLATION AND PUBLISHING INDUSTRY EXPORT SUPPORT 2025 EDITION

**RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR THE CALL FOR ENTRIES FOR LINE A: SUPPORT FOR THE
TRANSLATION OF LITERARY WORKS OF ANY GENRE** (line intended for foreign companies duly
incorporated in their countries).

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 Background

Uruguay XXI, the agency responsible for the investment, export, and country image incorporated the Creative Industries as a prioritized sector of the Export Promotion Department in 2018 to strengthen the export of the traditional cultural industries: publishing, music, and audiovisual. According to this objective, it created the IDA Program for translation in 2019, which was supported by the National Directorate of Culture (DNC) of the Ministry of Education and Culture (MEC).

Within the Framework Agreement entered into between the National Directorate of Culture (DNC) of the Ministry of Education and Culture (MEC) and Uruguay XXI on January 30, 2014, in Montevideo, the foundations were laid for the implementation of work plans and projects and the creation of joint work capacities, the promotion, and internationalization of the different cultural industries.

The National Directorate of Culture - responsible for the cultural development throughout the national territory and in charge of guiding and planning public policies on culture - defines internationalization programs as a high priority, in this case, for the publishing sector. For this reason, the National Institute of Letters, the body in charge of promoting the activities of authors at the national level and fostering the publishing



industry in the country and abroad since 2020, has among its tasks the support to the dissemination and marketing possibilities of the work of Uruguayan authors abroad.

In line with the continuity and constant development of the sector, we are pleased to announce the presentation of the rules and guidelines for the IDA call for entries: *PROGRAM FOR TRANSLATION AND SUPPORT FOR THE INTERNATIONALIZATION OF THE PUBLISHING SECTOR - 2025 EDITION*.

It is important to note that previous editions concluded successfully, receiving applications, and awarding the funds available in its three lines: 65 works translated into languages other than Spanish, a total of 11 for translation of catalogs and excerpts of works, and a total of 8 audiobook productions.

1.2 Objective of the call for entries

This call for entries aims to promote the export of Uruguayan literature by supporting publishers and authors with duly incorporated companies.

For this objective, three lines of support with non-refundable funds have been established:

- A.** Support for the translation of literary works of any genre. The line is intended for foreign companies duly incorporated in their countries.
- B.** Support for the translation into English of excerpts/chapters of literary works and catalogs. Intended for national companies duly incorporated in Uruguay.
- C.** Support for the production of audiobooks. Intended for national companies duly incorporated in Uruguay.



2. ON THE AMOUNT ALLOCATED FOR THIS LINE OF SUPPORT AND ITS AWARDING

This program will have a total fund of USD 30,000 (thirty thousand US dollars), from which any banking fees incurred from international transfers will be deducted..

Proposals submitted to line **A** may be financed with a maximum amount of up to USD 2,500 (two thousand five hundred US dollars) per work.

In no case may the amount destined to translate or produce audiobooks by deceased authors exceed 15% of the total fund.

3. ABOUT THE APPLICATION

3.1 Who may apply?

Foreign publishers properly established in their countries, wishing to publish in a language other than Spanish, a Uruguayan book of any genre, **previously published in physical or e-book format by a Uruguayan publishing house** or premiered and publicly represented, in whole or in part, in Uruguay or abroad and belonging to a Uruguayan author. A duly formalized publishing contract must be in place, which inevitably includes **an advance amount and royalties for the assignment of rights**. The selection of the translator will be the responsibility of the applying company, and their track record will be taken into account in the evaluation.

*In all cases, persons related by blood or affinity, up to and including the second degree of kinship, to any of the admission committee members are not eligible to apply. Applicants shall state by a sworn statement that they are not included or reach the limitations and restrictions established in this call, declaring to be aware of the provisions of Article 239 of the Criminal Code.



3.2 Documents required for applying

Applicants must complete and send the application form corresponding to the line of support they are interested in, attaching the following documents:

- Reliable documentation in Spanish or in English proving that the company is duly constituted.
- Copyright assignment contract in those cases in which the applicant is not the author of the work. In the case of authors: reliable documentation proving their identity and proof of authorship of the work (registration at the National Library or AGADU).
- Author's résumé.
- Translator's résumé (detailing translations they have completed and published to date) and translation budget, **both total and per word**, expressed in US dollars.
- Agreement signed with the translator.
- For dramaturgy works in line A: documentation evidencing the premiere or dissemination of the work (programs, links, press releases, etc.), that proves that it has been previously published or has been premiered and publicly performed, in whole or in part, in Uruguay or abroad.

3.3 Where to apply?

Go to <https://www.uruguayxxi.gub.uy/en/i-want-to-export/tools/ida-program/> where you will find the rules and guidelines of this call, forms and attachments required to apply.

3.4 Application deadlines

The call for submissions will be open from June 20th until September 12, 2025, during which applications for the works will be accepted. The results will be announced on the [program's website](#) in the second week of October.



4. ABOUT THE EVALUATION

4.1 Eligibility

The management team of the Program will verify compliance with the required conditions and information for the application, as well as the reasonableness of the budgets submitted. If it is deemed necessary to expand and/or clarify any aspect of the information submitted, applicants will be contacted and given a deadline for submitting the requested information. Once the communication mentioned above has been made, the applicant who does not submit the required information and/or does not make the corresponding clarifications will be automatically eliminated from the process. Applications not complying with the minimum requirements established for the call for applications in these guidelines will not proceed to the following evaluation stage.

Once the maximum limit of the available fund is reached, applications that have not been granted will be placed on a priority list, which will be considered in the event that a beneficiary withdraws their support.

4.2 Selección

The selection will be carried out by the Ministry of Education and Culture (MEC) and Uruguay XXI.

The relevance of the request for support for translation will be taken into consideration. Priority will be given to publishers and authors applying for the first time, and the following criteria will be considered:

4.3 Evaluation Criteria

AUTHOR'S TRACK RECORD

Number of published / premiered works
Awards obtained in Uruguay
Awards obtained abroad
Other recognitions



RELEVANCE OF THE WORK

Awards obtained in Uruguay
Awards obtained abroad
Year of the first edition publication

TRANSLATOR´S TRACK RECORD

Experience in translating titles to and from Spanish
Official translator's title

FOREIGN PUBLISHING HOUSE

Track record in publishing Latin American works
Years in the market

PROMOTION AND DISTRIBUTION PLAN

Marketing plan
Number of copies to be printed
Distribution plan

TIMELINESS OF THE TRANSLATION

Number of people fluent in the language
Recent recognition of the work
Recent recognition of the author

The proposals to be evaluated will only be those that comply with all the application requirements (documents requested and deadlines established in the rules and guidelines).

5. ON COPYRIGHT AND RELATED RIGHTS

Applicants assume the complete and exclusive responsibility for the ownership of the work they submit, and the use of material protected by copyright, related rights, personality rights, and image rights, holding Uruguay XXI/MEC harmless.

In particular, they declare to be aware of the provisions of Law No. 9.739 of December 17, 1937, and its amendment Law No. 17.616 of January 10, 2003; Law No. 17.805 of



August 26, 2004, Law No. 18.046 of October 24, 2006, and Law No. 19.149 of June 24, 2013.

6. ON THE BENEFICIARY'S OBLIGATIONS

6.1 Signing of the contract

Once the support has been confirmed, a contract will be signed with Uruguay XXI, in which the beneficiary undertakes to translate and publish the work in a period of no more than eight months as of the first working day of the month following the signing of the contract.

Once the contract is sent, a maximum period of 20 consecutive days will be granted for its signing and return. If the signed contract is not received within this period, the application will be considered inactive, and the priority list will be consulted to award the benefit to the next applicant on the list.

6.2 Mention

Publishing proposals that benefit from the Program must necessarily mention it in all instances of promotion of the translated work (book fairs, releases, advertising, press).

Uruguay XXI will send the logos that must appear in each case.

6.3 Deliverables

Beneficiaries must deliver to Uruguay XXI nine copies of the printed book within a maximum of thirty (30) days after its publication, in accordance with the instructions received upon signing the contract.



7. ON NON-COMPLIANCE

In the event of non-compliance with the conditions of these rules and guidelines, the publisher or its representative shall reimburse the amounts received within a maximum period of ten (10) working days from the date of notification by the Institute Uruguay XXI and/or the National Directorate of Culture (MEC).

Notwithstanding the above and the potential liabilities, failure to comply with the commitments undertaken shall disqualify the applicant from submitting future proposals to Uruguay XXI and/or the National Directorate of Culture (MEC).

After the expiration of the one-month period from the date of contract submission, and in the event of not having received the signed document, the beneficiary shall be deemed to have withdrawn the support, and the granted amount shall revert to the fund.

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The laws of the Eastern Republic of Uruguay shall apply as well as the competence and jurisdiction of its courts.

8. LIABILITY WAIVER - WITHDRAWAL OF THE CALL FOR ENTRIES

Uruguay XXI and the National Directorate of Culture (MEC) reserve the right to withdraw from the Call for entries at any stage of its execution, to reject proposals that do not comply with the conditions outlined in these Rules and guidelines, and also reserve the right to reject them if they do not consider them convenient for the abovementioned institutions and/or for any of the other participating institutions, without giving rise to any right of the participants to claim for expenses, fees, or compensation for damages, or any other reason whatsoever.



9. MODIFICATIONS

Uruguay XXI and the National Directorate of Culture (MEC) may change the documents for any reason and at any time before the deadline for submission of proposals; modify the documents through "clarifications" either on its own initiative or in response to clarifications requested by the interested parties. "Clarifications" will be published on the same site(s) where the Call for entries is published.

10. ACCEPTANCE OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

By submitting a proposal to the Call, it shall be understood that all those who submit proposals know and accept the terms and conditions outlined herein without any reservation whatsoever.

11. CONSENT TO DATA PROCESSING

Those who apply, from now on, expressly consent to Uruguay XXI-MEC to treat their personal data following the provisions of Law 18.331 (Law on Protection of Personal Data and Habeas Data) and Decrees 664/008 and 414/009.

The above implies that, in processing personal data provided by the applicants, such data may only be used for the purposes they have been requested from the holder. In this sense, adequate protection will be guaranteed per the legislation mentioned above.



12. AUTHORIZATION

Project participants submitting proposals within the framework of this Program, by the mere fact of submitting, expressly authorize Uruguay XXI-MEC and/or any of the other participating institutions to disseminate images in general, its institutional logo, as well as photographs of any act and/or event in which they participate concerning this Call, through any media, namely and among others (without limitation): written press, television, web pages, etc.

13. PAYMENT

Fifteen (15) working days after the working day following the signing of the contract, the beneficiary will receive 50% of the total amount to be subsidized in advance upon presentation of the invoice in the case of foreign companies and the official receipt in the case of national companies, and the remaining 50% upon delivery of the final product supporting the edition requested in section 6.3 and presentation of the corresponding invoice or receipt.

Payments will be made after the companies have submitted the required information in due time and proper form to monitor the results of the Program.

The financed company will submit the scanned invoices and receipts (eventually and if deemed necessary, the originals may be requested) corresponding to the expenses incurred under the lines of support described in these guidelines.

For line B and C applications, *Value Added Tax* (VAT) will be financed only in those cases where this is a cost for the beneficiary companies.

Uruguay XXI will have 45 working days from the moment it has all the required documentation to pay the remaining 50%.



14. LIMITATIONS

They are not eligible to apply:

- a. Persons with functional or contractual employment relationships of a permanent and stable nature with Uruguay XXI- National Directorate of Culture (MEC).
- b. Persons who have not complied with agreements signed with Uruguay XXI- National Directorate of Culture (MEC).
- c. Persons related by blood or affinity up to the second degree of kinship to any jury members.
- d. Companies that have ongoing awards from the IDA Program.

15. CONTACT

For clarifications or queries, the following contact details are available to applicants: Uruguay XXI Export Promotion Department editorial@uruguayxxi.gub.uy and National Institute of Letters institutodeletras.dnc@mec.gub.uy.