



THE DEPARTMENT OF HISPANIC STUDIES
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

announces the

**LITERARY AWARD
ESCRITURA REVUELTA**

convocation 2025
along the following

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The general goal of this award is firstly to celebrate the enormous prowess of literature written in Spanish in the United States, stressing the fact that Spanish is not (and has never been) a foreign language, and, furthermore, that it is not merely a marker of linguistic diversity, but a vehicle of thought, creativity and sensibility. At the same time, the award privileges modes of expression that are less attended to by major publishing houses and even academia. Last but not least, the award is and shall remain overtly political, unsilencing oppressed and underprivileged minorities, allowing for the discussion of important and contested topics, refusing to conceal uncomfortable tensions for the *status quo*.
2. The particular goal of this literary award is to promote literature as a form to expose discourses, identities and subjectivities as ones who have been under attack by the heteronormative societies which are still imposing role models and values upon subjects while disregarding our diversity as human beings.
3. The **THEME** for this year's award is open.
4. Contestants can participate in one of the following literary genre:
Poetry: 10-15 pages.
Prose (short story/stories, theater, memoirs, personal essay): 20-25 pages.
5. The award is open to all writers who are enrolled in a Spanish graduate program (MA, MFA, Ph.D.) in the United States for the 2025-2026 academic year.
6. Contestants should submit their work to Dr. Paola Arboleda, Director of Administration Literary Award Escritura Revuelta, [parboeda@central.uh.edu], attaching the **manuscript** and following these guidelines:

- a) **email text:** must include the name of the author, the title of the manuscript, postal address, and a phone number. On the first page of the manuscript **ONLY** the title of the work should appear.
 - b) **manuscript:** must be sent in **PDF** format, **written in Spanish** (different modes are accepted: Peninsular Spanish, Latinamerican, or US Latino); the name of the author must **not** appear on any page; the title of the work must appear on the first page and on every page next to the page number.
 - c) **enrollment in a graduate program:** a copy of at least one semester of course enrollment for the 2025-2026 academic year must be included.
7. The postmark deadline for submission is March 2, 2026. Postmark date will be the email date.
 8. One prize of \$2,000 will be awarded (this amount may be subject to tax withholdings; to receive the award, participants need to have a SSN and will need to fill out a W9 Form). The administration reserves the exclusive right to publish and promote the work for one year without remuneration to the author. A selection of the awarded work will be published in the magazine *Literal, Latin American Voices*.
 9. The jury will be comprised of writers and professors whose names will be released once the prize has been awarded. The jury's decision cannot be appealed. The jury retains the right not to grant an award.
 10. The jury will announce its decision no later than April 2, 2026. The winner will be announced by the press networks of the Department of Hispanic Studies and the University of Houston.
 11. The award ceremony will be held at a public event on a date and place that will be announced in due course. The winner will be invited to participate (in person or online) in a presentation/recital of the awarded work.
 12. By submitting the work for consideration in the Literary Award Escritura Revuelta, the participant agrees to the conditions as stated and interpreted by the administration and award committee.

