



## ESCL AWARD Excellence Award for Collaborative Research

The ESCL invites **editors of academic volumes** to present their application for the ESCL Excellence Award for Collaborative Research, to be awarded for **an outstanding edited volume** which makes an original contribution to the field of Comparative Literature.

The award encourages collaborative comparative research, in recognition of the often-undervalued creative work of editor(s).

The Excellence Award consists of a single cash prize of **500 euros** given to the editor(s) of the volume, and certificates attributed to both the editor(s) and the contributors. Candidates who are on the short-list will be informed in June 2021, and the winning volume will be announced at the ESCL's next biannual congress in September 2021, where the editor(s) will receive their prize and the contributors their certificates.

### Eligibility Criteria and Rules

The award will be attributed to an *edited* volume in comparative literature of a minimum of 80,000 words: for instance, a collection of articles, of book chapters or a special issue of an academic journal. The volume needs to have already undergone peer-review.

Its publication date must be comprised between 2017 and the end of 2020.

The volume needs to be either originally written in English or in French (the two communication languages of ESCL), or to have been translated into one of these languages.

This award will consider volumes with a strong connection to at least one European literature, which adopt a comparative approach and analyse texts from two or more different literary cultures, languages, mediums (painting, photography, film AND literature, for example) or disciplines (philosophy, sociology, photography AND literature for example).

Publishers, editors and contributors are allowed to propose a volume to the award. The editor of the submitted volume must be a paying member of the ESCL at the time of submission. For guidelines on membership fees see <https://escl-selc.eu/become-a-member/>. We advise the applicants to pay their membership at least a week before the submission deadline. It is *not* necessary that all contributors to the edited volume be paying members.

### Ineligible works

Individual articles, standard journal issues that do not meet the required comparatist approach and length, single-authored monographs, conference proceedings and reference works such as encyclopedias will not be accepted. Only one submission per editor is accepted.

### Submission Process

Submissions must be made in electronic form (pdf), to the following email address: [escl.award@gmail.com](mailto:escl.award@gmail.com)

Printed submissions will not be accepted. Submissions comprise 3 documents that must be attached as pdf to the submission email:

- the edited volume
- a letter from the editor(s) introducing the volume and explaining in 200 words how it contributes to the field of comparative literature specifically. This letter should also contain their contact information.
- a proof that membership fees have been paid to the ESCL at the moment of submission (this could take the form of a screenshot, a bank statement or an email from the ESCL treasurer for instance).
- The name of the files should start with the last name(s) of the candidate(s) (ex.: VARGAeditedvol.pdf, VARGAletter.pdf)

### Timeline:

Deadline for submissions: March 30, 2021.

Short-list announced: June 2021

Prize awarded at the ESCL Congress in Rome in September 2021.