Prizes and special awards
The Council administers or finances
the following awards:

The Molson Prizes are given for outstanding contributions to the arts, humanities and social sciences. Three prizes worth \$20,000 each are offered each year. Ranked among Canada's highest awards for cultural achievement, the Molson Prizes are financed from an endowment established by the Molson Foundation.

The Governor General's Literary Awards are given each year to the authors of three English-language and three French-language works by Canadians. Each winner receives \$5,000 from the Council.

Children's Literature Prizes worth \$5,000 each are given annually to authors and/or illustrators of two books for young people – one in English and one in French.

Translation Prizes worth \$5,000 each are offered annually for the best English-to-French and French-to-English translations of Canadian books.

The Canada-Australia Literary Prize of \$2,500, co-sponsored by the Canadian and Australian Governments, is awarded in alternate years to an English-speaking Canadian or Australian writer, on the basis of an estimate of his or her work as a whole.

The \$2,500 Canada-Belgium Literary Prize, co-sponsored by the Canadian and Belgian Governments, is made in alternate years to French-speaking Canadian or Belgian writers on the basis of an estimate of the writer's complete works.

The National Competition for Young Composers and the National Radio Competition for Amateur Choirs are sponsored jointly by the Council and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (with assistance for the composers' competition from participating arts organizations) in alternate years. The prizes for composers are \$4,000 in each of three categories; the first prizes for choirs in each of seven categories are \$1,000.

The Jules Leger Prize for New Chamber Music, administered by the Canadian Music Council with financial support from the Canada Council, includes a trophy and a \$5,000 cash award. It is given annually for a new chamber-music composition scored for a group of from two to nine players.

The Vincent Massey Awards for Excellence in the Urban Environment are co-sponsored by the Canada Council, the Massey Foundation and Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation and are given every two to four years.