

Roly Sussex SHORT STORY COMPETITION 2022



This prized literary award was launched in 2012. It is designed to foster original creative writing of outstanding quality, including experimental, challenging or thought-provoking work.

This competition is named after Professor Roly Sussex. Professor Sussex is an Emeritus Professor of Applied Language Studies at the University of Queensland, and a leading champion for language and languages in Australia. His weekly ABC Radio program A Word in Your Ear has been running for 25 years.

PRIZE CATEGORY Open Category

First Prize: \$7500
Second Prize: \$1500
Highly Commended

Secondary School Category

First Prize: \$1000
Second Prize: \$500
Highly Commended

DATES

Submission opening date: May 21.

Extended closing date: close of business, November 6 2022. No submissions will be accepted after this date.

ELIGIBILITY

Authors must be Australian citizens or Australian residents who are not related to the judges or members of the Executive of the English-Speaking Union.

Entrants to the Secondary School section must be enrolled full-time at a secondary school.

Submitted stories should not have been published before.

FORMAT AND SUBMISSION

Length: Maximum 3,000 words.

Text format: Microsoft Word, .doc or .docx, double-spaced, A4.

Entrants should follow the instructions on the ESU website esu.org.au/2022-short-story-competition/

RESULTS AND AWARDS

The results will be announced in late 2022 through the website of the ESU: <https://www.esu.org.au/>

The release of the results will be notified to entrants by email.

ESU (Queensland) will pay up to \$500 for first or second place winners from outside SE Queensland to attend the awards ceremony (travel and accommodation). Winners should discuss travel by email to rolysussexstory@esu.org.au.

PUBLICITY AND PUBLICATION

All stories submitted to the Roly Sussex Short Story Award will be considered for publication by the ESU and may be used for marketing and publicity in conjunction with the ESU. In submitting their stories for publication authors indicate their consent to these initiatives.

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ENQUIRIES

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