

# THE 2023 COMPETITION IS NOW OPEN



## Roly Sussex SHORT STORY COMPETITION 2023



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 26 years. 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.

### PRIZE CATEGORY

#### Open Category

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

#### Secondary School Category

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

### SUBMISSION CLOSING DATE

Submissions should reach the ESU by Close of Business on 17 September 2023 (GMT + 10)  
(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.

**FOR INFORMATION AND  
REGISTRATION GO TO:**

[esu.org.au](http://esu.org.au)

### RESULTS AND AWARDS

The results will be announced in late 2023 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](mailto:rolysussexstory@esu.org.au).

### JUDGING PANEL

Chief judge and chair, Open Division:  
David Fagan

Chief Judge, Secondary School Division:  
Talisa Pariss-Proby

Secondary Division judges: Brian Clarke and  
Georgina Steele

Open Division judges: Kerry Davies and  
Belinda Pollard

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