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Speculative Literature Foundation Announces Changes to Annual Grant Schedule

January 2020—The Speculative Literature Foundation has announced a change to its annual grant schedule, beginning in 2020. Applications for each grant will be accepted for three months each year according to the following schedule:

January - March: Older Writers Grant and A.C. Bose Grant for South Asian Speculative Literature

April - June: Diverse Worlds and Diverse Writers Grants

July - September: Gulliver Travel Grant

October - December: Working Class Writers Grant (starting fall 2020)

The \$1,000 **Older Writers Grant** is awarded annually to a writer who is fifty years of age or older at the time of application. The \$1,000 **A.C. Bose Grant for South Asian Speculative Literature** is awarded jointly by the SLF and DesiLit to a South Asian or South Asian diaspora author developing speculative fiction. The \$500 **Diverse Worlds Grant** is awarded to an author whose work presents a diverse world, regardless of the writer's background, and the \$500 **Diverse Writers Grant** to writers from underprivileged and underrepresented backgrounds. The \$1,000 **Gulliver Travel Grant** is intended to assist writers of speculative fiction in their research, and can be used on airfare, lodging, and other travel expenses. The \$1,000 **Working Class Writers Grant** is awarded to writers of speculative fiction who are working class, blue-collar, poor, or homeless, who have been historically underrepresented in the genre due to financial barriers.

Each grant is intended to support the SLF's mission of promoting literary quality in speculative fiction. Grants are awarded by a jury of SLF staff on the basis of merit. Additional information about all of the SLF's grants, including specific application guidelines, can be found at speculativeliterature.org/grants. Grant applications are open to all: you do not need to be a member of SLF to apply for or receive a grant.

Three grants are currently accepting applications: the Working Class Writers Grant through February 28th; and the A.C. Bose Grant and Older Writers Grant through March 31st.

Founded in January 2004 to promote literary quality in speculative fiction, the all-volunteer Speculative Literature Foundation is led by Mary Anne Mohanraj and 30 other committed volunteers. The Foundation maintains a comprehensive website offering information for readers,

writers, editors and publishers of speculative fiction, develops book lists and outreach materials for schools and libraries, and raises funds for redistribution to other organizations in the field, as well as five awards made annually to writers. For more information, visit speculativeliterature.org.

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