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Press Release #68 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Submissions Period Is Open for the Speculative Literature Foundation's 2020 Older Writers and A.C. Bose Grants

January 2020—The Speculative Literature Foundation is now accepting applications for the 2020 Older Writers Grant and A.C. Bose Grant for South Asian Speculative Literature. Applications will be open through March 31st, 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 grant application, and is intended to assist such writers who are just starting to work at a professional level. Grant funds can be used as each writer determines will best assist his or her work. For more information about the Older Writers Grant, or to apply, <u>click here</u>.

The \$1,000 **A.C. Bose Grant for South Asian Speculative Literature**, co-sponsored by the SLF and DesiLit, is awarded to a South Asian or South Asian diaspora writer developing speculative fiction. The grant is named in memory of Ashim Chandra Bose, a lover of books, especially science fiction and fantasy, and was founded by his children, Rupa Bose and Gautam Bose. For more information about the A.C. Bose Grant, or to apply, <u>click here</u>.

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 <u>speculativeliterature.org/grants</u>. Grant applications are open to all: you do not need to be a member of SLF to apply for or receive a grant.

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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