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# SLF Monthly Newsletter



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## **Diverse Writers and Diverse Worlds grants deadline July 31**

Since 2014, the SLF has offered two \$500 grants intended to foster the creation of speculative fiction work rich in diversity. The Diverse Writers grant is intended to support speculative fiction writers from underrepresented and underprivileged groups whose marginalized identities may present additional obstacles in the writing and publishing process. The Diverse Worlds grant is intended for work that best presents

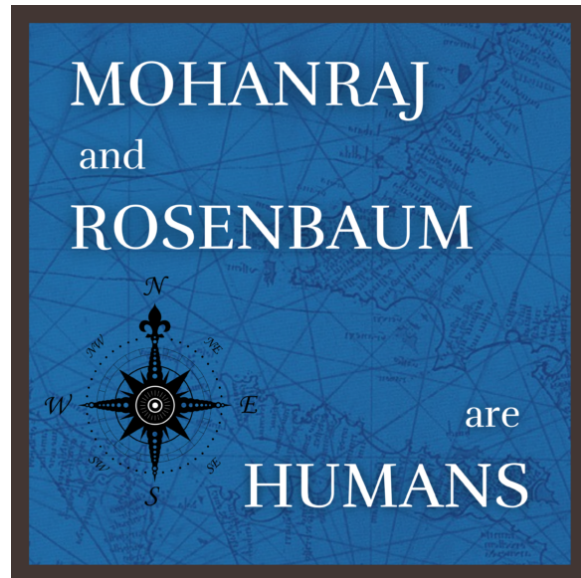
a diverse world, regardless of the writer's background. Writers may apply for either or both grants, which are made possible through the generous support of David Levine.

[Learn more](#)

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## Season 2 of Mohanraj and Rosenbaum Are Humans podcast released

Mohanraj and Rosenbaum Are Humans has returned to a podcast app near you! Listen in as Mary Anne Mohanraj and Benjamin Rosenbaum interview guests including Nisi Shawl, Andrea Hairston, Yvette Ndlovu and more.



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## Upcoming workshops

The SLF's virtual classes and sessions are focused on helping writers master different writing methods and sharpen their understanding and use of the various elements of speculative fiction. Upcoming workshops include: Intro to Writing Speculative Fiction With Eden Robins; Writing About Mental Health With Nancy Hightower; Writing Your Identity: Creating Deep & Rich Characters With Mary Anne Mohanraj; Writing the SFF Novelette With Alec Nevala-Lee; and Screenwriting for Writers With Ted Schneider.

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## Diversity grants jurors needed

With another grant comes another call for jurors! If you're interested in being a part of our jury, please shoot us an email at [grants@speculativeliterature.org](mailto:grants@speculativeliterature.org) with your relevant experience. A \$50 honorarium will be distributed once a decision is reached.

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## Co-writing opportunities

The SLF hosts regular Saturday co-writing sessions from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. CDT. This session is for writers who would like support for their writing, and is currently open to anyone interested in being a part of our writing community.

[Learn more](#)

## SLF news

The SLF thanks Margaret Frey for serving as Director of Development and Finance. Although Margaret has stepped down from those roles, she can still be found on our member Discord. Stop by and say hello!



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## Membership

Not a member yet? The SLF serves the speculative literature community through support from people like you. Members receive benefits including access to the SLF Discord, invitations to members-only panels, discounts on SLF events, programs and courses and more!

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## Opportunities for writers

**South Arts' Southern Prize and State Fellowships for the Literary Arts** program aims to acknowledge, support, and celebrate the highest quality literary work created in the Southern United States. The fellowships will be awarded to writers in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. For the 2024 cycle, the following categories of fiction can be included: science fiction, mystery, historical fiction, thriller, realistic fiction, romance, horror and fantasy. Each of the nine competitive state fellowships includes a \$5,000 award. The Southern Prize winner includes a \$25,000 additional award. The finalist includes a \$10,000 additional award and a two-week residency at the Hambidge Center. Apply by **Sept. 8, 2023** at [southarts.org/artist-grants-fellowships/southern-prize-and-state-fellowships-literary-arts](https://southarts.org/artist-grants-fellowships/southern-prize-and-state-fellowships-literary-arts).

New anthology **Amplitudes: Stories of Queer and Trans Futurity** will center how queer folk are powerful and trans lives matter, and feature works from current and emerging science fiction and fantasy voices across the spectrum of identities. Amplitudes is accepting submissions to round out the anthology's table of contents. Submissions are due by **Oct. 15, 2023**, for consideration. Full submission details can be found at [leemandelo.com/f/call-for-submissions-amplitudes-anthology](https://leemandelo.com/f/call-for-submissions-amplitudes-anthology) and [erwhonbooks.com/amplitudes-submissions-guidelines](https://erwhonbooks.com/amplitudes-submissions-guidelines).

The **International Association for the Fantastic in the Arts' Imagining Indigenous Futurisms Award** recognizes emerging authors who use science fiction to address issues of Indigenous sovereignty and self-determination. Learn more and apply by **Dec. 1, 2023** at [iaffita.wildapricot.org/Imagining-Indigenous-Futurisms-Award](https://iaffita.wildapricot.org/Imagining-Indigenous-Futurisms-Award).

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