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SLF Monthly Newsletter



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Diverse Writers Grant Winner announced

The SLF is pleased to announce Ysabelle Cheung as the winner of the 2023 Diverse Writers Grant. Cheung's winning piece is "Please, Get Out and Dance." The Diverse Writers Grant awards \$500 annually to support writers from underrepresented and underprivileged groups whose marginalized identities may present additional obstacles in the writing and publishing process.



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Diverse Worlds Grant Winner announced

The SLF is pleased to announce e rathke as the winner of the 2023 Diverse Worlds Grant. rathke's winning piece is called "The Wicked Flee." The Diverse Worlds Grant awards \$500 for work that best offers a diverse world, regardless of the writer's background.

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Older Writers Grant Winner announced

The SLF is pleased to announce Jen OConnor as the winner of the 2023 Older Writers Grant. OConnor's winning piece is called "Second Hand Salvation." The Older Writers Grant awards \$1,000 to a speculative fiction writer over the age of 50 who is just starting out at the professional level.



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Gulliver Travel Research Grant opens Nov. 1

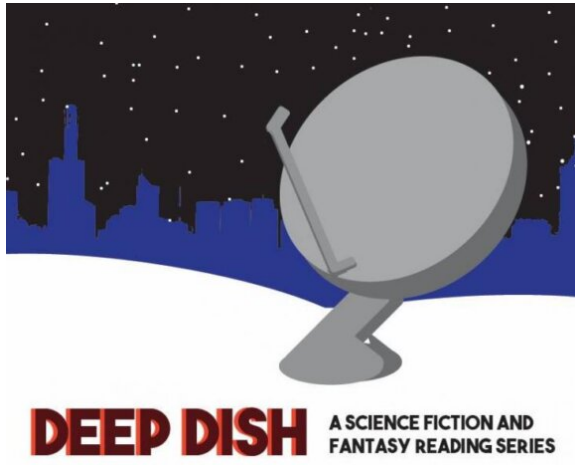
The Gulliver Travel Research Grant awards \$1,000 annually to assist writers of speculative literature in their (non-academic) research. The grant may be used to cover airfare, lodging, and/or other travel expenses. Submissions accepted Nov. 1 - 30, 2023. Winner announced Jan. 15, 2024.

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Illustration of the Year Contest opens Nov. 20

The SLF announces an open call for a piece of original artwork combining fantasy and science fiction themes to be featured as its Illustration of the Year. The winning artist will receive \$750 and the winning artwork will be displayed on the SLF's website and social media accounts. Submissions accepted Nov. 20 – Dec. 20, 2023. Winner announced Jan. 15, 2024.

[Learn more](#)



Upcoming Deep Dish readings

Join the SLF at one of our upcoming Deep Dish reading events to hear new and in-progress work from writers including David Levine, Eden Robins and more! Our next event will be Nov. 16 at Volumes. Are you a writer of speculative fiction? Sign up to read!

[Learn more](#)

Upcoming workshops

The SLF's virtual classes and courses 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: Writing the SFF Novelette With Alec Nevala-Lee.

[Learn more](#)

Co-writing opportunities

The SLF hosts regular Saturday co-writing sessions from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. CDT.

These sessions are for writers who would like support for their writing, and are currently open and free of charge to anyone interested in being a part of our writing community.

[Learn more](#)

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

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.

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