



The V.S. Pritchett Short Story Prize

1. The Prize

- a) The author of the winning entry will be awarded a prize of £1,000 and have their story published in *Prospect* online and in the *RSL Review*.
- b) The judges will be responsible for selecting the winning entry, which will be announced in December.
- c) The Prize is administered in all respects by the Royal Society of Literature.

2. Eligible Entries

- a) Entrants must be resident in the UK, Republic of Ireland or Commonwealth (see list of countries [here](#)).
- b) Stories entered for the competition must not have been published previously (including online) or broadcast in any other medium. If the story will be published elsewhere prior to the announcement date, you must withdraw your entry.
- c) Multiple entries to this competition are permitted but must be submitted and paid for individually (the fee is £7.50 per entry to cover administration costs).
- d) Entrants must be over 18 at the time of submission.
- e) Stories **MUST**:
 - i. be written in English
 - ii. be between **2,000 and 4,000 words** (if you are using a programme other than Word to compose your story – please check this using an online word counter to avoid any discrepancies between different programmes)
 - iii. be submitted as **Microsoft Word or PDF files** with the author name (surname, first name) and short story title in the file name e.g. Wilde, Oscar – The Happy Prince
 - iv. use **Arial, 12pt, black-coloured font** and use **double-line spacing** in **one column**
 - v. have **page numbers** at the bottom right-hand side of each page
 - vi. have **the title** of the story at the top of the first page.
- f) Stories **MUST NOT**:
 - i. include the name of the entrant, contact details or any identifying mark anywhere in the document
 - ii. include photos or illustrations.

3. Entry

- a) Entries must be submitted by **5pm on Friday 20 August 2021**.
- b) The Royal Society of Literature cannot undertake to make corrections or additions to entries.
- c) Submission of an entry implies acceptance of these conditions. Any entries that do not meet the requirements outlined above will not be taken forward and the fee will not be refunded. No correspondence will be entered into regarding incorrect submissions.
- d) Please fill out the form [here](#) to enter, ensuring that you read and comply with the instructions given for each field. **We are unable to accept entries via post or email.**