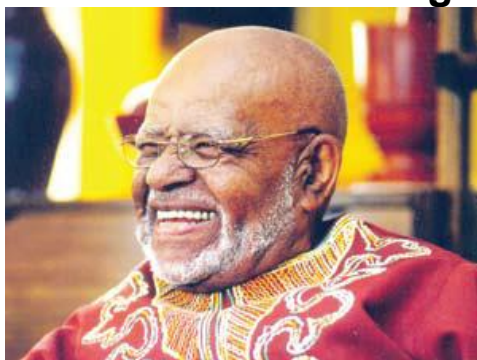


THE 2021 ES'KIA MPHAHLELE CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION

In honour of an African giant



**The Late Professor Es'kia Mphahlele
(1919 - 2008)**

The late Professor Es'kia Mphahlele is undoubtedly one of the leading scholars and literary icons of our times, with a global reputation. From humble beginnings in the Limpopo Province, he rose through the ranks to become one of the leading academics and an esteemed Professor of English in many universities across the world. Unisa honours this fine son of the soil and one of its acclaimed *alumnus* through the ***Es'kia Mphahlele Creative Writing Competition***. This is, therefore, a call for all Unisa students to participate in a short story writing contest aimed at creating awareness about Professor Es'kia Mphahlele's literary works and his legacy. The competition is aimed at stimulating creative writing amongst students and encouraging them to read and write, in line with Prof Mphahlele vision of creating an inquisitive, informed and educated society. All registered Unisa undergraduate and postgraduate students are eligible for this competition; except winners of the 2018-2019 competition.

Competition Guidelines & Rules

The competition requires budding authors to submit one short story entry per student. The short story entered should be fictional or non-fictional. Stories could also cover any of the contemporary themes dealing with socio-economic issues affecting the South African society or the experiences of young people growing up in South Africa; educational issues and challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic, etc. Stories that demonstrate originality and creative writing will be considered for the competition. Only electronic entries in MS-Word will be accepted with the following specifications:

Font type	Font size	Spacing	Length
Times New Roman	12	1.5	5000 words maximum (+-10 pages)

The Prize

Winners of the short story competition will walk away with an exciting educational prize. Edited and cleaned up manuscripts should be e-mailed to Ms Caroline Moshes at moshemc@unisa.ac.za. or Mr Simon Maluleke at malulst@unisa.ac.za

Your submission should be accompanied by proof of your registration for 2021. While Unisa recognizes the importance of all the official languages, including indigenous languages, the language of choice for this competition will be English; therefore, all entries should be in English. A panel of esteemed judges, who are themselves authors, has been appointed to adjudicate entries. The closing date for the competition is **Friday 30 July 2021**. Entries received after this date will not be considered. The winner of the competition will be announced at one of the Region's flagship events this year (2021). We would like to take this opportunity to wish all participants the best of luck in their writing endeavours!

**Reading and Writing Organizing Committee
Unisa North Eastern Region**