

Terms and Conditions of the UNIVERSEH Short Story Competition

Article 1 – Purpose and theme of the competition

ISAE-SUPAERO and the Université Toulouse Jean Jaurès, whose head offices are located respectively in 10 avenue Marc Péglerin BP 54032 – 31055 Toulouse CEDEX 4 and 5 Allée Antonio Machado 31058 Toulouse, are jointly organising a short story competition as part of the UNIVERSEH European university's activities.

The submitted short story must be based on one of the three comic strips available on the UNIVERSEH Website, resulting from the “Space Exploration” comic strips competition organised by the University of Namur.

Article 2 – Terms and conditions of participation

This competition is open to participants resident in one of the countries of the UNIVERSEH European University: Germany, Belgium, France, Italy, Luxembourg, Poland, and Sweden.

Participants hereby certify that they own the copyright to the short stories submitted. ISAE-SUPAERO and the University of Toulouse Jean Jaurès shall not be held liable in the event of any dispute raised by third parties.

Participation in the competition is free of charge. The receipt of files serves as participation.

The jury members and any individuals who have directly or indirectly contributed to the conception, implementation, or management of the competition may not participate.

Only one entry per person is allowed. Participating under multiple usernames or on behalf of others is prohibited.

ISAE-SUPAERO and the University of Toulouse Jean-Jaurès reserve the right to conduct any verification deemed necessary to ensure adherence to these rules. Any person failing to meet these requirements or refusing to provide evidence will be disqualified from the competition.

This also applies to any participant who fails to submit complete and accurate contact and identity information or who provides false information.

Each new entrant in the competition shall be eligible for one prize per category.

The categories for the competition are:

- Mercury (10–14 years old)
- Jupiter (15–18 years old)
- Neptune (19 years and older)

Article 3 – Schedule

The submission of short stories begins on the 15 April at 9:00 and ends on 28 of June at 23h59.

For the selection of the best stories and the awarding of prizes, the jury will deliberate between 29 of June and July 8, 2026, The announcement of the winners will take place between July 9 and July 15 2026.

Article 4 – Technical Conditions

Short stories must comply with the following technical specifications:

- **Mercury (10-14 years old):** 6,000 to 10,000 characters, including spaces
- **Jupiter (15-18 years old):** 8,000 to 12,000 characters, including spaces
- **Neptune (19 years old):** 10,000 to 15,000 characters, including spaces

The text should be presented in a legible format (Times New Roman or Arial, size 12, 1.5 line spacing or equivalent) and must be submitted as a PDF document.

The use of foreign languages is strongly encouraged; news articles may be written in the following languages: French, English, Luxembourgish, German, Polish, Italian, and Swedish 6 UNIVERSEH European University Alliance languages. If the short story is written in a language other than English, an English summary of 1000 characters (spaces included) must be provided as an appendix to the short story when entering the competition.

The use of artificial intelligence in the creation and writing of the short story is prohibited.

The stories must be based on the comics available on the UNIVERSEH website.

During file submission, participants must comply with the following requirements:

- a) Short stories must be uploaded in PDF format on the website at the time of registration. Uploaded drawings must not exceed 10 MB and should have no margins or inscriptions.
- b) Each file must be named as follows: **participant's last name_first name_story title**.
- c) Each short story must be accompanied by a title and a summary of the story (these details are listed in the participation form).

Each participant may submit a maximum of one short story.

Article 5 – File Submission

Files shall be submitted via the form provided on the official website.

Short stories that fail to meet the technical specifications set forth above and/or are submitted anonymously will be disregarded.

The competition organizers shall not be held liable for any damage or loss occurring during the submission of files.

The submission deadline is the 28 of June 2026 at 23:59. The timestamp recorded in the form submitted through the aforementioned website shall be considered definitive proof of compliance with the deadline.

Article 6 – Jury and Selection Criteria

The Jury selects the short stories that will receive the prizes specified in Article 2. The Jury's deliberations are final and sovereign.

To determine which stories will be awarded, the Jury will consider the following criteria:

- The content of the story and its relevance to the chosen comic book
- Originality and creativity
- Quality of writing
- Appropriateness of the title and narrative
- Structure and development of characters
- Compliance with these rules

The organizers of the competition ensure that all stories are always submitted with the title, first name, and last name of the author.

The composition of the Jury will be announced on the website: <https://universeh.eu/>

Article 7 – Awarding of Prizes to Winners

One short story will be selected by the Jury in each category specified in Article 2 to receive a prize:

- Mercury Category (10–14 years): 50€ gift voucher
- Jupiter (15–18 years): 100€ gift voucher
- Neptune (19–99 years): 150€ gift voucher

Winners of the competition will be notified by email after the Jury's deliberation. The announcement of the winners will take place between the 9 and 15 of July 2026. Winners will receive their prizes via email.

Article 8 – Rights of Use and Retention of Entries and Photographs

Participants are the authors of the submitted short stories and, as such, are the holders of all rights pertaining to their entries. Where relevant, participants must have obtained the explicit authorization of any individuals who may be identifiable within their work.

The Université Toulouse Jean Jaurès and ISAE-SUPAERO shall be permitted to exhibit the short stories at exhibitions or subsequent events and to reproduce them in print for distribution and sharing.

Unless explicitly opposed by the competition, Université Toulouse Jean Jaurès and ISAE-SUPAERO are authorized to:

- To exhibit, display, or reproduce their entries at UNIVERSEH events
- To print their short stories in any media for the purpose of promoting the exhibition and/or illustrating the theme of the competition
- To post the short stories on the web page, and social media accounts of ISAE-SUPAERO, Université Toulouse Jean Jaurès, UNIVERSEH, and UNIVERSEH alliance's partners.

This authorisation applies worldwide, shall not be of an exclusive nature, is granted free of charge and remains limited in duration to a period of 10 years from the end of the competition.

Any other reproduction or public performance of the works shall require the prior written authorization of the author.

Competition participants hereby grant the organizers a gratuitous right to publish and use the short stories. The organizers shall not be obliged to provide any payment or consideration to the participant for such use. The works shall not be distorted from their original meaning, nor used in any manner that could infringe upon the integrity or dignity of the participant.

No remuneration shall be offered to the participant, and their identity shall be duly acknowledged at all times.

Article 9 – Copyright and Intellectual Property

Participants are the authors of the short stories and, by default, hold the rights associated with the submitted works.

Participants retain full copyright over their works.

However, they grant the Organizer a free, non-exclusive license to reproduce, publish, and distribute the short stories as part of the competition's communication (website, social media, institutional materials), without limitation of time or territory, while crediting the author's name.

Article 10 – Retention of Short Stories

ISAE-SUPAERO and Université Toulouse Jean Jaurès shall bear no responsibility for any damage to digital files and will not return printed copies to participants.

Article 11 – Modification and Cancellation

The Université Toulouse Jean Jaurès and ISAE-SUPAERO reserve the right to modify these terms and conditions, postpone, or cancel the competition and/or exhibition in the event of force majeure or any circumstance beyond their control.

For any issues not expressly addressed in these rules, Université Toulouse Jean Jaurès and ISAE-SUPAERO may take any actions deemed necessary to ensure the proper conduct of the competition. Similarly, in exceptional circumstances, Université Toulouse Jean Jaurès and ISAE-SUPAERO reserve the right to amend the terms and conditions as appropriate.

Article 12 – Liability

The Université Toulouse Jean Jaurès and ISAE-SUPAERO shall bear no responsibility in the event of any modification or cancellation of the competition due to exceptional circumstances.

The Université Toulouse Jean Jaurès and ISAE-SUPAERO shall not be liable for any issues arising in connection with the conduct of the competition, including human, technical, or other errors, nor for the submission of works by individuals who are not the original authors. Furthermore, they shall not be responsible for technical failures, loss, or delays in electronic submissions.

Article 13 – Personal Data Protection

Participants must, where applicable, have obtained the express consent of any persons who may be identifiable in their text.

Any personal data collected shall be used solely for the administration of the competition.

The Université Toulouse Jean Jaurès and ISAE-SUPAERO warrant that all data provided by participants will be collected and processed in compliance with applicable privacy and personal data protection laws. In particular, such data shall be recorded and used by Université Toulouse Jean Jaurès and ISAE-SUPAERO to document participation in the competition and to enable the allocation of prizes.

By submitting personal data, each participant warrants that such data is authentic, complete, and current. By this act, the participant acknowledges and consents to the collection and processing of their personal data for the administration of the present competition.

In compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), participants may exercise their rights of access, rectification, and erasure of their personal data by contacting: dpo@isae.fr.

Accordingly, every participant has the right to consult their personal data and to object to its use beyond the purposes of the competition. Participants also have the right to request, at no cost, the correction or deletion of any personal data that is incomplete or inappropriate in the context of its processing.

Any request by a participant regarding the “privacy” aspect must be sent in writing to **ISAE-SUPAERO** and **Université Toulouse Jean Jaurès**, whose addresses are listed in Article 1.

Article 14 – Adherence to These Rules

Participation in the competition constitutes acceptance of these rules in their entirety, as well as of all applicable laws and regulations governing free competitions in France.

Non-compliance with the rules shall result in the disqualification of the entry. The rules are available for consultation on the website: <https://universeh.eu/>

ISAE-SUPAERO and Université Toulouse Jean Jaurès reserve the right to extend, shorten, amend, or terminate the competition at any time, notably in cases of force majeure, without participants being entitled to any form of compensation.

Article 15 – Disputes and Governing Law

ISAE-SUPAERO and Université Toulouse Jean Jaurès shall have full authority to resolve any issues concerning the interpretation or application of these rules, in accordance with French law. No claims shall be admissible if submitted more than one month following the closure of the competition.

These rules are governed by French law, and the applicable language shall be French.

Any dispute arising in connection with this competition shall initially be subject to an amicable resolution.

In the absence of a settlement, the dispute shall be submitted to the competent courts having jurisdiction over ISAE-SUPAERO and Université Toulouse Jean Jaurès’ registered office, namely the courts of Toulouse.