

Science Writing

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Budding journalists and science writers, here is your chance to inspire, impress and inform your readers.

2021 Science Writing titles:

- The World in 2050
- Playing with Light
- Physics: the very tiny & very large!
- Global Warming is still so important - what is new in the field?
- What happens to the International Space Station (ISS) after 2024?
- Statistics going Viral
- Science as a Human Endeavour (YEAR 11–12 LEVEL ONLY)

A successful SASTA Oliphant Science Awards Science Writing entry:

- Is well researched and has accurate science content.
- Will communicate ideas clearly.
- Will be original, innovative and your own work.
- Will have accurate punctuation and spelling.
- Will have a References section that acknowledges all sources of information (for students in Years 7–8, 9–10 and 11–12, this will include in-text referencing).

Rules for Science Writing Entries:

- You must write on one of the titles listed above.
- The Science Writing entry must be the work of one person (no group entries).
- You must include a reference list that contains all the sources of information that you used. This includes all books, websites, magazines, and any people you have interviewed.
- Appropriate “in text” referencing is expected for students in Years 7–8, 9–10 and 11–12.
- If you quote directly from a source, you must use quotation marks and include a reference to the source of the quote.
- Science Writing can be in a number of different genres such as:
 - Recount
 - Narrative
 - Explanation
 - Discussion
 - Response
 - Information Report

- Procedure
- Persuasion/Exposition
- Description

- You may include pictures and graphic illustrations. However, if illustrations or pictures are copied you must include a reference next to the illustration or picture.
- Write or word-process your entry yourself. If there are special reasons for using help in typing or editing, then this help must be acknowledged after your reference list.
- The length of your Science Writing entry depends on your year level:
 - Year R–2: do not exceed 200 words;
 - Year 3–4 and 5–6: do not exceed 800 words;
 - Year 7–8, 9–10, 11–12: do not exceed 1500 words.

- A word count must be included on your entry (please note: titles, labels and referencing are not included in the word count).

In presenting your Science Writing entry (online submission ONLY):

The following documents will need to be uploaded for your project:

- Cover sheet with your Student ID Label attached (your Coordinator will give you this label)
- Electronic copy of your science writing entry. Entries will be accepted as PDF or Word documents only. We cannot guarantee judges will be able to access any other file types.

For full details on electronic submission, see www.oliphantscienceawards.com.au/participant_information/online_project_submission.



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