

XIV INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY SHORT STORY CONTEST IN HONOR OF “FÉLIX MENCHACATORRE”

Félix Menchacatorre, one of the founding fathers of USAC and professor of the UPV/EHU, died on August first of 2008 of a heart attack. It was the only time his heart failed him.

The University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC), in collaboration with the University of the Basque Country (UPV/EHU) is organizing the “XIV International University Short Story Contest in honor of Félix Menchacatorre” according to the following guidelines:

GUIDELINES

1. Those eligible to participate are:
 - a. Students officially registered in any of the USAC programs during the Autumn semester of 2024.
 - b. Members of P.A.S. (Personal Auxiliar o de Servicios) or of P.D.I. (Personal Docente e Investigador) of the University of the Basque Country UPV/EHU, or students officially registered in the UPV/EHU during the 2024-2025 academic year.
 - c. The winners of previous editions of the International University Short Story Contest in honor of Félix Menchacatorre are not eligible.
2. The topic is free.
3. It is mandatory to name your short story.
4. The literary value of the language will be taken into special consideration.
5. Entries can be written in Spanish, Basque, or English.
6. The short stories may be written in any one of the above-mentioned three languages, regardless of the nationality of the author. Each entry will compete with others written in the same language.
7. Contestants can only submit one short story in only one language.
8. The short story must be original and unpublished. It cannot have won any other literary contest or prize.
9. The short stories cannot exceed 2000 characters (including spaces). “Times New Roman 12”, double spaced, is recommended.
10. The short stories should be sent by email to juan.delacruz@ehu.es with “Concurso de Microrrelatos” written in the subject line.

11. All entries must include the first and last names of the author, DNI or passport number, mailing address, email address, phone number, character count (including spaces) and the name of the USAC program or the Center of the University of the Basque Country in which you are studying or associated.
12. Entries must be submitted by November 29th, 2024. Entries post marked after that date will not be accepted.
13. There will be one prize of five hundred US dollars granted for the winning short story in each of the languages of the contest (Spanish, Basque and English). The prize will be delivered by a bank transfer. The panel of judges may declare there to be no winner in any of the language categories.
14. The winners of the contest will be made public during the first ten days of December 2024. The results will be published on the web page of the UPV/EHU ([http:// www.ehu.es](http://www.ehu.es), in the section “Relaciones Internacionales”, under the link for “USAC”) before December 20st, 2024. The winners will also be notified personally.
15. The short stories that are chosen will be published on the above-mentioned web page and the other entries will be destroyed.
16. The authors of the short stories will relinquish copyright privileges to the organization for the maximum period permitted by law.
17. There will be a panel of judges for each of the three languages of the contest, made up of prominent professors of USAC and/or the UPV/EHU. On the panel of judges for the entries in English there will also be an outstanding former USAC student.
18. The members of the three panels will interpret the contest rules with flexibility. They will resolve freely and irrevocably any situations which have not been covered in the guidelines. Their decisions may not be appealed.
19. Participation in the “XIV International University Short Story Contest in honor of Félix Menchacatorre” implies acceptance of the guidelines.