

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR INTELLIGENCE EDUCATION

2018 ESSAY COMPETITION

The International Association for Intelligence Education (<http://www.iafie.org/default.asp>) is pleased to announce its Essay Competition for 2018. This competition promotes IAFIE's goal of providing a forum for the creation of knowledge and the dissemination and exchange of ideas and information for those interested in and concerned with intelligence education.

The competition is open to everyone with an interest in furthering intelligence education. (IAFIE board members, officers, and staff are not eligible to compete.)

There are two award categories **professional** and **student**.

ELIGIBILITY

All papers eligible for submission must be the original work of a single individual and not been submitted for publication in any journal, newsletter, magazine or other mechanism of public distribution.

Papers submitted for consideration in the student awards may have been submitted as an item of assessment in an undergraduate or postgraduate academic program. The paper submitted must be the original and sole work of the student submitting.

Professional – An individual who is working or who has worked as an intelligence practitioner, or an individual who is or has been involved in teaching intelligence studies or providing intelligence training (i.e., teacher, trainer, consultant).

Graduate Student – A full-time or part-time graduate student currently enrolled with a college or university.

Undergraduate Student - A full-time or part-time undergraduate student currently enrolled in a college or university. A student submitting in this category cannot be working as an intelligence professional within the wider intelligence domain.

AWARDS

First place finishers in each category will receive a \$1,000 cash award, and second place finishers in each category will each receive \$500 in cash. First and second place finishers will have the opportunity to publish their essays on the IAFIE website, and receive a one year free membership in IAFIE. In the case that no submissions are of a sufficiently high standard the committee reserves the right not make an award.

PROFESSIONAL CATEGORY

Professional: All papers submitted to the professional category must respond to the following:

Intelligence analysts/officers are born not made.

STUDENT CATEGORY

Explanatory note for academic staff: Professors and academic staff taking intelligence programs at universities and colleges might like to consider integrating the essay competition into their programmed assessments for courses and units of study. IAIFE encourages Professors and academic staff to nominate or encourage students to submit quality papers to the essay

competition. In order that the essay competition fit the wide scope of taught intelligence programs no specific topic or question will be set, there are simply five broad themes.

Student: Papers submitted in the student category are not required to respond to any specific question. Papers may be submitted that address any of the following topics:

Intelligence education and training

Intelligence policy

Intelligence operations

Intelligence history

Intelligence failure

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES FOR ALL CATEGORIES

Submissions must be in ONE word document (please NO PDFs) and include a title page with the following:

- author's name
- contact information (include phone, email, and mailing address)
- category (professional, graduate student, or undergraduate student)
- 150-word (or less) biography
- name of the organization where you work, or college or university you attend
- title of the essay

Papers must be submitted in English, not less than 2500 words and must not exceed 3500 words (excluding endnotes and references) and should be submitted single spaced using Times New Roman, 12 point font. Please number the pages.

All submissions should be free of spelling errors. Argument must be supported by evidence and all evidence must be correctly cited in text in accordance with APA 6th edition. End references are required.

The use of headings and sub headings is allowed.

Papers must be original and not previously published. Submission constitutes permission to publish.

Deadline for Submission: May 31, 2018, midnight, EST. Authors of papers shortlisted for awards will be notified by June 30 2018.

Email your submission to: submissions@iafienet.org

Notification: Award winners will be announced at the IAIFE Conference in Sydney Australia 23/25 July 2018.

Evaluation Criteria: A panel of intelligence professionals will judge all entries and select the winners for each category. Essays will be evaluated on their relevance to the question, resourcefulness, clarity of the argument, logic and coherence, evidentiary support, and the quality of the exposition.

Non-awarding of prizes: IAIFE reserves the right to not award prizes if no entry of sufficient merit is submitted for consideration.

Questions can be addressed to submissions@iaifenet.org