

# INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR INTELLIGENCE EDUCATION

## 2020 ESSAY COMPETITION

The International Association for Intelligence Education (<http://www.iafie.org/default.asp>) is pleased to announce its Essay Competition for 2020. 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 and undertaking their first degree. 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.

### ESSAY TASK

**Professional & Graduate Student:** All papers submitted to the professional and graduate student category must respond to the following:

*Future proofing the analyst: What does this mean for intelligence education and training?*

### UNDERGRADUATE 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.

**Undergraduate Student:** Papers submitted in the undergraduate 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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, 2020, midnight, EST.

**Email your submission to:** [submissions@iafienet.org](mailto:submissions@iafienet.org)

**Notification:** Every effort will be made to announce essay award recipients at the annual IAIFE conference in June 2020.

**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](mailto:submissions@iaifenet.org)