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# UNIDO'S 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY RESEARCH PAPER COMPETITION

“Envisaging Our Sustainable Future”



UNIDO focusing on Sustainable Development Goals

**#SDG9:** Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation.



## **TARGET GROUP:** People worldwide born between 1986 and 1993

## **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION:** 15 October 2016, by 00:00 CET (GMT+1)

UNIDO's 50th Anniversary Research Paper Competition is open to young people around the world (born between 1986 and 1993), who are interested in addressing the role of industry 4.0 in achieving a sustainable future.

The competition is organized by UNIDO, the UN specialized agency that promotes industrial development for poverty reduction, inclusive globalization and environmental sustainability, together with AIESEC, the global platform for young people to explore and develop their leadership potential.

Contestants are required to submit a research paper addressing the role of industry 4.0 in the context of the 2030 agenda, as well as an abstract of up to 300 words summarizing the argument. The research paper should address the following question:

What is the role of industry 4.0 in achieving Sustainable Development Goal 9 and the 2030 Agenda?

## **THE WINNERS OF THE BEST RESEARCH PAPERS WILL BE REWARDED WITH:**

- A UNIDO certificate
- A Grant
- A round-trip from home country to the UNIDO Headquarters in Vienna, Austria
- Accommodation and health insurance in Vienna (from 20th November to 26th November 2016)

## **THE WINNERS WILL ALSO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO:**

- Present their research papers during the UNIDO 50th Anniversary celebration in Vienna, 20-25 November 2016
- Present their research paper to invited academics and the Mayor of Vienna at the Vienna City Hall (Rathaus)
- Get connected with the AIESEC team and be part of a network offering young people the chance to gain valuable skills and competencies for future success
- UNIDO 50th invitation

## **IMPORTANT:** Before applying, please make sure you are able to adhere to the following requirements and responsibilities

### **APPLICANTS PRE-SELECTION REQUIREMENTS:**

- Applicant must be born between 1986 and 1993
- Must provide an abstract (of up to 300 words in English)
- One research paper in English between 1500 words and 2000 words addressing the specified question and in the following format:
  - Times New Roman size 12
  - 1.5 spacing
  - PDF version

### **SELECTED APPLICANTS MUST:**

- Be able to travel to Vienna (from 20th to 26th of November 2016)
- Possess a valid passport for the duration of the visit and six months beyond the period of the trip
- Be able to apply for and obtain a visa
- Be able to support themselves financially during the duration of the stay in Vienna
- Prepare a short presentation about their research paper to be delivered at the award ceremony

### **UNIDO'S POST-SELECTION RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE APPLICANT:**

- Provide an official invitation letter
- Purchase travel tickets to and from Vienna
- Provide health insurance for the duration of the stay
- Arrange accommodation



## SUBMISSION STEPS:

Contestants must complete the Application Form (including the abstract) and deliver it together with:

- The research paper
- An electronic copy of his/her passport's main page
- A short CV

## WHERE AND WHEN TO SUBMIT IT:

Documents must be sent in one email to: [research-competition@unido.org](mailto:research-competition@unido.org) by 15 October 2016 00:00 CET (GMT+1)

## WINNERS WILL:

Be announced latest by 3 November via:

[research-competition@unido.org](mailto:research-competition@unido.org)

For information on how to apply, please go to our webpage:

[www.unido.org/youth-competitions](http://www.unido.org/youth-competitions)

In case of inquiry, please write to [research-competition@unido.org](mailto:research-competition@unido.org)

Further inquiries will only be answered from the provided email contact

## FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

- By submitting the research paper and abstract for consideration, the candidate attests that:
  - It is an original self-written research paper
  - The research paper has not been submitted or published in the past
- Participants whose contact information changes during the course of the competition are responsible for notifying UNIDO
- UNIDO reserves the right to disqualify candidates who breach the competition criteria
- UNIDO staff, their immediate family members and staff of institutions sponsoring or associated with the competition are not eligible to participate
- Decisions taken by the UNIDO judges are final. Entrants agree to comply with and be bound by the decisions of the panel of judges on all matters associated with the competition
- UNIDO will pay for round-trip air transportation via the most direct and cheapest route
- Winners shall allow UNIDO to use their names, photographs, research papers and abstracts for promotional and publicity purposes



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