

Calling Notice

The OSCE Mission to Serbia and the British Embassy in Belgrade are pleased to announce the

2008 Serbian Research in Action for Peace Essay Competition

1. Grand prize: Two Research Internships at the Advanced Research Group, UK Defence Academy, for the duration of four months
2. Award for Excellence: EUR 1,000
3. Young Scholar Prize: EUR 500

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1. Democratic Governance of the Security Sector
2. The Key Security Challenge of the 21st Century
3. In Search for a Transition Country's National Security Strategy
4. Research Project Proposal (please present your own research topic, explain why it is important, what you have done around the subject, and why you would find an internship useful to take your research forward.)

Interested candidates should refer to the OSCE Mission website at www.osce.org/serbia or contact Jovana Trifunovic, the Mission's Senior Programme Assistant, tel. +381 11 3606 189, mobile +381 63 30 90 42 for further details and instructions.

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Eligibility: This contest is open to all Serbian citizens who will be 35 years old or younger on 1 March 2008, regardless of their gender and affiliation. To be eligible for the Grand Prize, an applicant must submit the essay in English. The applicants wishing to submit essays in Serbian, will be eligible for the second and the third prize only. Group work will not be accepted.

Essay Format: The essays should be 3,500 to 4,000 words long, including the essay summary (submitted as a Microsoft Word document, Times New Roman 12, 1,5 lines spacing, with all pages numbered). They should follow a standard academic format i.e. Hypothesis, Introduction, Main Discussion, Conclusions. The essays should not be previously published or concurrently submitted for other competitions.

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Submission Procedure: A competitor must send two attachments: one with the essay and a separate identification cover sheet (ICS). The ICS should include the writer's name, education, employment (if any), home address, contact number and e-mail address, and the essay title exactly the same as it appears on the first page of the essay. A one paragraph biography should be included. Under no circumstances should the writer's name appear in the essay. The person who receives the essays will not be a member of the prize selection committee.

Selection: The receipt of each submission will be acknowledged via e-mail. An essay will be assigned a unique entry number that will replace the writer's name in the ICS. The submissions that comply with the rules will be forwarded to the independent selection panel, which will assess the essays in confidence. Their decision is final and no appeals will be accepted. The panel reserves the right to choose fewer than four winners if, in its sole discretion, it does not receive a sufficient number of eligible and qualified entries.

Announcement of Results & Award Ceremony: The results will be announced at the OSCE Mission to Serbia website www.osce.org/serbia by 5 p.m. on 1 April 2008. The winners will be directly notified. If a winner cannot be contacted within 14 days of the initial attempt, the judging panel reserves the right to disqualify the designated winner and award the prize to a runner-up. The winner(s) living outside Belgrade will be granted a one-day trip to Belgrade for the award ceremony.

Prizes: Two Grand Prizes will be awarded. The Grand Prize winners will spend four months (May 2008-August 2008 and September 2008-December 2008) as interns with ARAG, the UK Defence Academy. The prize includes a return flight ticket to the UK, accommodation and meals, small monthly allowance, and the cost of a UK visa. The cash prizes will be paid in local currency.

Ownership/Use: The copyrights of the winning essay(s) will become property of the sponsor. They may be published in the future and the sponsor of the competition will have sole discretion over the manner and timing of publication.

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