



**Space Generation Advisory Council
Space Safety and Sustainability Project Group**

Essay Competition 2019

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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By entering this event, you agree to be bound by these terms and conditions and commit that all information provided is true and accurate. Failure to follow these will result in disqualification without any given reason or opportunity for challenge.

The competition is solely managed by the Space Safety and Sustainability Project Group (SSS) of the Space Generation Advisory Council (SGAC). It aims to provide everyone with the opportunity to introduce new ideas and to raise awareness of humanity's involvement in the exploration of outer space.

ARTICLE 1. ESSAY TOPIC

The participants must share their ideas on the topic: "How can humanity expand into outer space in a safe and sustainable way?" Participants may also use the following as supporting questions:

1. What are your main ideas?
2. What makes this (these) idea(s) innovative?
3. What is the *safe and sustainable* aspect of your idea(s)?

ARTICLE 2. ELIGIBILITY

This competition targets to engage individuals from all around the world. Anyone who will be age 18 to 35 years old on or before the deadline of submission may apply, an exception to the SSS Essay Competition organizing team members and juries and their immediate family.

ARTICLE 3. ESSAY REQUIREMENTS

3.1. Word Count – Essay must be between 800-1200 words excluding references and title.

3.2. Language – The essay must be written in English. Basic English grammar may be used in consideration of the participants whose native language is not English.

3.3. Essay format and references – Participants are asked to use size 12 and Times New Roman as the font style, single spaced. To cite an external reference(s), participants should place the *Author's last name* and then *comma (,)* followed by the *year of publication* in parentheses. Participants may use APA style format for the bibliography. For further information about the APA style format, you may refer to the link: <http://www.iirp.edu/pdf/IIRP-APA-Guidelines.pdf>¹.

3.4. Essay submission – Essay must be submitted via email to ssscompetition@spacegeneration.org in a PDF or Word (.doc or .docx) form. The email should contain the participant's name and date of birth. Upon submission of the essay, the participant will receive a confirmation email. By sending your essay you accept the competition's *Terms and Conditions*.

3.5. Authorship – Participant has to be the sole author and must hold all rights to the essay. Essays must NOT be previously submitted to other competition or published. Participant is only allowed to submit ONE essay. Essays on behalf of another person will not be accepted. The organizing team will not be responsible for any complaints from any third party regarding the authorship of any essay submitted to the competition.

3.6. Anonymity – All essays will be judged equally regardless of the participant's age, gender, race, nationality, religion, and title. Participants must NOT include their name or any kind of identification in their essay to allow anonymity for the purpose of a fair judging process.

3.7. Plagiarism – Submitted essays must be an original work of the participant. All essays will be checked for plagiarism. Plagiarism of more than 10% will be disqualified.

3.8. Illustrations – Essays may have any kind of graphic illustrations or tables, and must be properly cited and include a caption. These do not count towards the word count.

ARTICLE 4. EVALUATION CRITERIA

4.1. The juries will assess the essays based on the following criteria:

- Content;
- Clear expression of thought and style;
- Strong organization;
- Support and development of the idea.

4.2. The decision of the juries shall be final and irrevocable.

ARTICLE 5. WINNERS AND PRIZES

5.1. Prizes – The juries will select the top 10 best essays. The Winner will receive a book and a T-Shirt from our sponsor, the European Southern Observatory (ESO). The Runner-up will

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receive a book from our sponsor ESO. Aside from these awards, the top ten entries will receive an electronic certificate signed by SGAC.

5.2. The prizes are NOT transferable, substitutable or redeemable for cash.

5.3. The organizers will contact the winners through email using the information provided during essay submission.

5.4. The organizers will make all reasonable efforts to contact the winners in any circumstance. If the winner cannot be contacted, is unreachable, unable to take the prize for any reason, or has not claimed his/her prize within 10 days, the organizers reserve the right to offer the prize to the next eligible candidate as deemed by the jury.

5.5. The prizes are subjected to availability and the organizing team and or the sponsors reserves the right to replace any prize without prior notice.

5.6. If for any reason there are multiple winners on any prize, the juries reserve the right to conduct a draw to determine the winners.

ARTICLE 6. TIMELINE OF COMPETITION

6.1. Announcement of Competition – The organizing team will accept essay contest entries for **1.5 months**. The competition opening is on the **1 July 2019** at **00:00 GMT** and the deadline for essay submission will be on **18 August 2019** at **23:59 GMT**. Submitted essays beyond these dates will not be considered.

6.2. Announcement of Winners – Winners will be announced on **16 September 2019**.

ARTICLE 7. LEGAL RIGHTS

7.1. Copyright – All participants retain the copyright for their essay.

7.2. The organizing team, its subsidiaries, and its affiliates reserve the right to use (promotion and or advertising), reproduce, modify, or publish the submitted essays, together with their names, photographs, and country of residence, in any kind of media; and the participants may be required to be part of any events in accordance with the essay competition without further compensation.

7.3. Privacy – The information provided by the participants will ONLY be used for this competition (*i.e.*, registration, identification, claiming of prizes, and to keep the participants informed) and will NOT be shared with any other parties (aside from the sponsors, service providers and agents for the purpose of awarding the prize), or used for other purposes.

ARTICLE 8. MISCELLANEOUS

8.1. The organizing team reserves the right to update or modify the guidelines of the essay competition as needed and will be published on the website without prior notice. The organizing team, its subsidiaries, and its affiliates will not be liable for any amendment or cancellation of the

whole essay competition process (*i.e.*, the announcement of the essay competition, acceptance of essay entries, judging of essays, the announcement of winners, distribution of prizes).

8.2. The organizing team is NOT responsible for essays that are lost, misdirected, delayed, have incomplete information, are corrupted or essays that are not received for any reason.

8.3. The organizing team, its subsidiaries, and its affiliates are not responsible for any problems, losses, damages or injuries of any kind resulting from the attempt/failure of participation, participation in the essay competition or from the participant's acceptance, possession and or use or misuse of any prize.

8.4. The organizing team and juries reserve the right to disqualify participants with essays that contain phrases, statements or information that may degrade or harm anyone in terms of race, nationality, gender, religion, profession, opinion, or essays that encourage crime or breaking of laws.

8.5. This essay competition is governed by the laws of the Republic of Austria.

ARTICLE 9. CLARIFICATION

Should there be any questions and/or clarifications about the essay competition, please do not hesitate to contact us at [**ssscompetition@spacegeneration.org**](mailto:ssscompetition@spacegeneration.org).