

IRUA Scholars Essay Program

The IRUA Scholars Essay Program enables IRUA member companies to encourage their interns and, **NEW for 2021**, their new-to-the- industry professionals, to participate in this program. Monetary amounts determined by the Board may be awarded based on a competitive written essay submission.

Recognizing that it was impossible to offer this program in 2020, we have **expanded the eligibility** to cover interns and new hires who either worked, or are working, at an IRUA member company over an extended time period. Applicants must complete and submit a simple application as, for tax reasons, only U.S. citizens and individuals legally permitted to work in the United States are eligible to participate.

2022 Essay Program Criteria

1. The applicant must be legally permitted to work or study in the United States and have a Social Security Number; and
2. Has worked, or is currently working, in-person or remotely/virtually, for an IRUA member company as an intern at any point between **September 2021 and August 2022**; or
3. Is currently working, in-person or remotely/virtually, for an IRUA member company as a part-time or full-time employee in their first insurance/reinsurance job with a **date of hire on or after September 1, 2021**.

Important Essay Details

1. In order to qualify, essays must be a 3000-4000 word “white paper”, submitted in **Microsoft Word format**, on a specific insurance or reinsurance topic of your choice and should provide a detailed explanation on the relevance, impact or potential impact to the reinsurance industry. Authors must attribute, in footnotes, all sources and **must have the contractual right to use any graphics or images**;
2. The IRUA Scholars Committee will review submissions and determine the winners of an award, the number and monetary value of which are decided each year. Winners will be announced by mid-October.
3. As a reminder, interns can be working in any department at their host company; however, the host company must be an IRUA member.

Click [HERE](#) to Download the Scholarship Application

Application Deadline: No Later than August 19, 2022
Essay Deadline: September 2, 2022

IRUA Website: www.irua.org

Application and Essays to be emailed to:
Maria Sclafani at mcs@irua.org

NOTE – Upon submission, you will receive an email confirmation when your application/essay has been received. Over the course of the following 12 months, each winning paper will be published in the Journal of Reinsurance so be sure to read it when it hits your email inbox!

The specifics of the Scholars Program are subject to change at any time by either the Scholars Committee or the Board of Directors.