

IRUA Scholars Essay Program

In 2021 we **expanded eligibility** to include both interns and new part- and full-time hires who either worked or are currently working at an IRUA member company during an expanded time window, as detailed below. Applicants must complete and submit a simple application. For tax reasons, only U.S. citizens and individuals legally permitted to work in the United States are eligible to participate.

2023 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 2022 and August 2023**; 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, 2022**.

Important Essay Details

- In order to qualify, essays must be a 3,000-4,000-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 and impact or potential impact on the reinsurance industry. Authors must attribute, in footnotes, all sources and **must have the contractual right to use any graphics or images**;
- 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.
- Applicants can be working in any department at their host company; however, the host company must be an IRUA member.
- An individual may only submit one paper, whether solo or co-authored. All participating authors must individually fulfill eligibility requirements.

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

Application Deadline: **August 18, 2023**
Essay Deadline: **September 1, 2023**

IRUA Website: www.irua.org

Application and Essays to be emailed to:
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Note: the specifics of the Scholars Program are subject to change at any time by either the Scholars Committee or the IRUA Board of Directors.