



# ICU Global Youth Essay Competition



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Register your essays  
during  
August 16 -  
October 11



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International Christian University (ICU) and  
the Japan ICU Foundation invite youths from  
around the world to reflect and write about  
ways to make society better.



## Essay competition policies

- Applicants must be aged 14-18, as of Oct. 11, 2022, live outside of Japan, and not be enrolled in higher education.
- Essays must be written in English and be no more than 650 words.
- Essays will be judged by a panel from ICU and the Japan ICU Foundation.

## 2022 Essay Questions

Select one of the following questions from the areas of human rights and current events.

- *Environmental Studies is one of the majors offered at ICU. In this major, students critically think and learn about issues such as food safety and water quality, consumption and development, ethics and education, etc. from a range of perspectives. What environmental issue(s) do you care about? What are unique and creative solutions to address them?*
- *Born of deep remorse over World War II, ICU was founded with the aim of nurturing global citizens who serve to create peace in the world. What does peacebuilding mean to you? How can young people work towards peace in our fractured world? What experiences related to peace and peacebuilding have had an impact on you?*

We want to learn about YOUR original ideas. As you write, start by reflecting on your own experience, think about what the problem is, and then write your own opinion.

## Prizes

- **Top Prize:** Two round-trip airline tickets to Tokyo in the summer of 2023 for the winner and a guarantor. A visit to ICU is incorporated into the trip. Or, an option of 100,000 yen. (1 winner)
- **Second Prize:** 50,000 yen gift card (1 winner)
- **Third Prize:** 5,000 yen gift card (10 winners)
- **Special Prize for a non-English native writer:** 5,000 yen gift card (1 winner)

## Key Dates



**Competition Open Date:**  
August 16, 2022, 0:00 AM JST

**Competition Close Date:**  
October 11, 2022, 11:59 PM JST

**Announcement of Winners:**  
December 13, 2022

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## Organizers



**International Christian University** is a leading private university characterized by its bilingual (Japanese/English) liberal arts education in Tokyo, Japan. From its establishment in 1953, ICU has aimed to educate students in an international setting to be stewards of a just and peaceful world. Visit <https://www.icu.ac.jp>.



**The Japan ICU Foundation** is an independent educational foundation based in New York City. Its mission is to work with International Christian University to nurture global citizens who contribute to the well-being of humanity. Visit <https://www.jicuf.org/>.

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