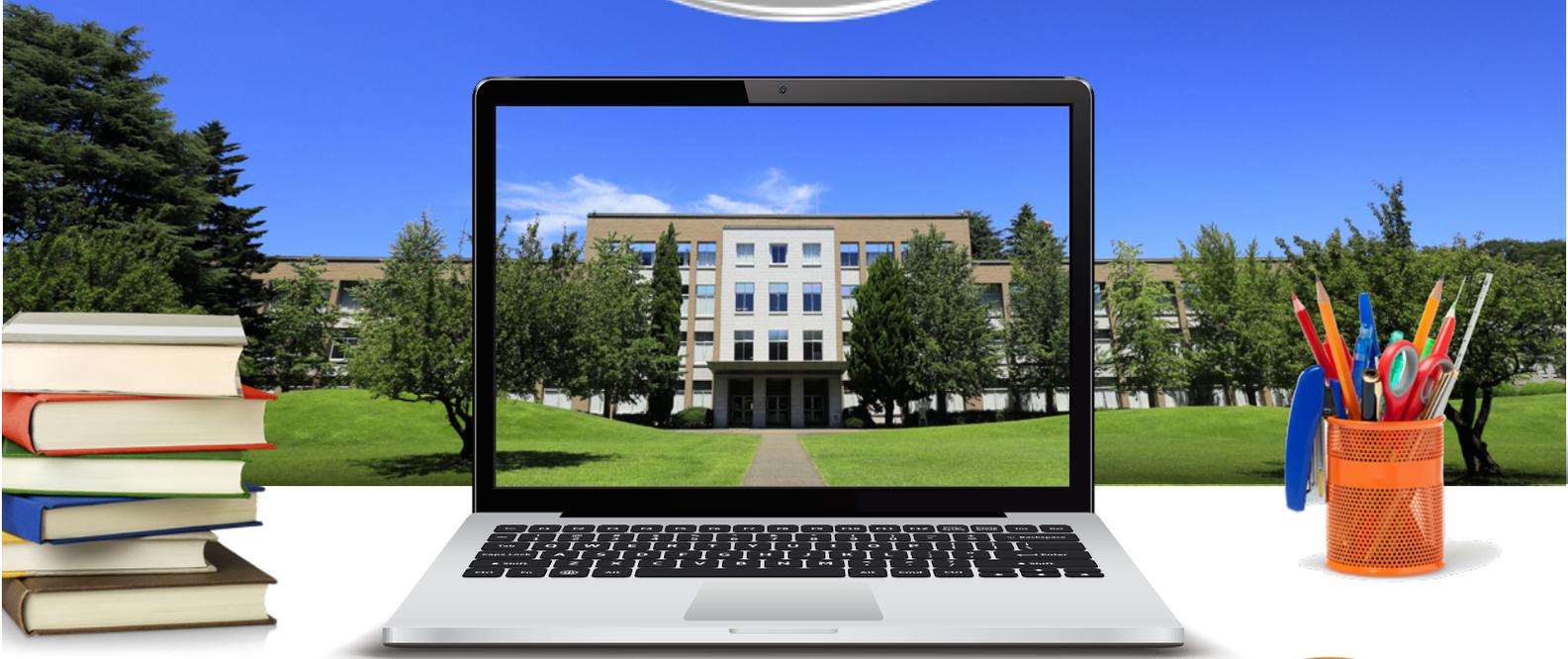




ICU Global Youth Essay Competition



For students from all over the world

International Christian University (ICU) and Japan ICU Foundation invite youths from around the world to share their views on how to make society better. Each year, essay topics are selected in the areas of human rights and current events. For 2023, the application is open from August 15 to October 12. Apply to win great prizes, including the top prize of two round-trip tickets to Japan!

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Learn more and apply online ▶



2023 Essay Questions



Select one of the following questions.

Every student who enrolls in ICU signs a pledge to support and abide by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The four points of Article 23 of the Declaration focus on the right to work. Based on your own experience, which of the four points, outlined in Article 23, has the most significance for you?



<https://www.un.org/en/about-us/universal-declaration-of-human-rights>

ICU's academic curriculum emphasizes the need to understand both humanities and technology as we live in the era of artificial intelligence (AI) and the Internet of things (IoT). Over the past decade, we have witnessed significant technological advancements that have fundamentally transformed our way of life (i.e. mobile phones). However, technology can also have adverse effects, potentially disempowering or working against human interests. Have you ever encountered such an experience?

There are no right answers to these questions; we are not looking for essays that propose the "correct" solutions that already exist. 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.

This essay competition abides by the ICU Policy on Academic Integrity and ICU's Perspective on the Use of Generative AI by Students.

<https://www.icu.ac.jp/en/academics/undergraduate/policy/>



Top Prize (1 winner)

Two round-trip airline tickets to Tokyo in the summer of 2024 for the winner and a guarantor. A visit to ICU will be incorporated into the trip. In lieu of the airline tickets, the top prize winner has the option of receiving 100,000 yen.



Second Prize (1 winner)

50,000 yen gift card.



Third Prize (10 winners)

A book translated by ICU students Illustrated Universal Declaration of Human Rights in French, English, and Japanese.



Special Prize (1 winner) for those who have not been educated in English for more than 1 year

Same as 3rd prize.

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Application Open Date: Tuesday, August 15, 2023, 0:00 JST

Application Close Date: Thursday, October 12, 2023, 23:59 JST

Announcement of Winners: 11:00 AM, Wednesday, December 20, 2023 (JST).

Results will be announced on the ICU website and by email.

Participation fee: Free

Way of Application:

All essays must be submitted online through Submittable platform. The application form will open from August 15 until October 12, 2023. Please bookmark our website to submit during this time.

<https://www.icu.ac.jp/en/news/GlobalYouthEssay2023.html>



Eligibility:

Applicants must be aged 14-18 as of October 12, 2023 (inclusive) and must currently reside outside of Japan. University/college students as of October 12, 2023 are ineligible to apply.

Language:
English

Word Limit:
≥ 650 words

Organizers:



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