TOPIC:

“Peace and Security in the 21st century – a youth perspective”

The last couple of years have significantly changed the security landscape of the Euro-Atlantic area. We face unprecedented security challenges, both at home and abroad. These developments have also changed the citizens’ security-related perceptions across the Alliance. And they have encouraged a discussion about the most efficient ways to strengthen peace and security. While the Alliance is preparing for the Summit in Warsaw in July, the NATO Public Diplomacy Division is launching an essay-policy paper competition in order to learn about the youth perspective on current security issues and the best ways to tackle them. We are looking for analytical, well-structured and original approaches.

ELIGIBILITY:

Masters/post-graduate students of a NATO member state.

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DEADLINE for submissions:

22 February 2016

CRITERIA for the policy paper:

- Written in one of the NATO official languages (English or French)
- Written individually (1 policy paper per student)
- Written abstract/summary: up to 300 words
- Length of the text: 1200-1800 words
- Harvard referencing system to be used for any quotes or references
- Full name, university and a word count noted at the end of the essay
- Submitted electronically in a PDF format

AWARDS:

The authors of the best papers will be invited for a visit to NATO HQ in Brussels in spring 2016. The final selection of the winners will be done by NATO HQ by the end of March 2016. The best policy papers will be published in the NATO Review and/or on the NATO website.