



International Nuclear Security Education Network

INSEN for Youth

INSEN, established in 2010 by the IAEA, collaborates with universities, research institutes, and stakeholders to promote nuclear security education and prepare future professionals.

The Network currently comprises over 225 institutions from 75 Member States, working towards a shared vision of advancing nuclear security education and supporting the next generation of professionals with the necessary knowledge, expertise and understanding of the importance of nuclear security.

Commemorating 15 Years of INSEN: Launching the action of INSEN for Youth

To celebrate 15 years of INSEN, the IAEA is launching the action of INSEN for Youth.

This action aims to nurture future nuclear security specialists through opportunities in education, training, and research initiatives offered by INSEN and its members.

The IAEA invites interested students and early career professionals to submit short papers to INSEN to share their perspectives and innovative ideas on nuclear security. From these submissions, five outstanding applicants will be selected to attend the INSEN Annual Meeting, to be held in Mito, Japan, from 10 to 14 November 2025. These selectees will be awarded a travel stipend to present their papers at the INSEN Annual Meeting, and will gain access to a valuable mentorship programme, networking opportunities with renowned experts, and other career-enhancing experiences.

Highlights

- **Active participation in the INSEN Annual Meeting**

Selected participants will have unique opportunities to be involved in different aspects of the INSEN Annual Meeting. In addition to presenting their papers on nuclear security, they will be involved in the technical sessions, panel discussions, technical tour and a special workshop dedicated to the young generation.

- **Why apply?**

Applying to the competition can provide several benefits, including:

- **Networking opportunities:** Connect with senior officials, policymakers, and experts in the field of nuclear security, leading to valuable professional connections and mentorship.
 - **Professional development:** Enhance your skills and knowledge in nuclear security through presentations, workshops, and collaboration with experts in the field.
 - **International recognition:** Showcase your research, work and ideas on a global platform, leading to recognition and opportunities for future collaborations.
 - **Career advancement:** Enrich your resume, demonstrating your expertise and commitment to the field of nuclear security.
 - **Personal growth:** Obtain a valuable learning experience, which will help you to develop or further enhance communication, writing, and critical thinking skills.
- **Who qualifies?**

University students (undergraduate and graduate) and early career professionals from INSEN member and observer institutions with less than five years of work experience in nuclear security are invited to submit applications. Applicants' schedules should allow for travel to and full attendance at the INSEN Annual Meeting in Mito, Japan from 10-14 November 2025, subject of the results of the selection process.

For this competition, the IAEA especially encourages women and individuals from developing countries to apply. We welcome those involved in all disciplines supporting nuclear security, including, but not limited to: engineering, international relations, psychology and other legal, policy, scientific and technical disciplines associated with nuclear security. We welcome students and early career professionals from government authorities including regulatory bodies, intelligence agencies, security agencies, response and law enforcement agencies, as well as from industry, academia and the non-governmental sector.

- **Application and selection process**

Interested candidates are requested to submit a curriculum vitae (CV), and a short paper showcasing the candidate's work/research and/or vision on the evolution of nuclear security. The selection committee will review applications and extend invitations for interviews to a limited number of candidates.

The submission of applications must follow the following guidelines:

- A maximum two-page CV focusing on relevant experience in the field of nuclear security.
- A paper on nuclear security. Length: 600-1000 words.
- Limit: One entry per person.
- Language: English.
- Submission deadline: **15 May 2025**, 11:59:00 PM. Only entries submitted before the deadline will be considered.
- Notification to interview finalists: no later than **15 June 2025**.
- Notification of acceptance: no later than **15 July 2025**.

- **Terms and conditions**

- The competition is open to applicants from all INSEN member and observer institutions.
- There is no cost to submit an application.
- Those who are selected will be requested to send their identification documents (e.g., copy of passport) to facilitate administrative arrangements and travel to Japan.
- Applicants will be responsible for arranging any necessary documentation for travel to Japan themselves in due time, e.g., visa, proof of vaccination status, etc.
- All papers must be original work by the applicant in their own words, except for quotations from published and unpublished sources which are clearly indicated and acknowledged as such. Any content that can be identified as plagiarism will result in immediate disqualification.
- The submission e-mail should:
 - Be sent to INSENYouth@iaea.org
 - Contain “INSEN Youth_APPLICANT’S FAMILY NAME” in the subject line (e.g., INSEN Youth_SMITH)
 - Contain the CV and paper as a single, combined attachment in **ONE** PDF document
 - Contain the following information in the body of the e-mail:
 - Applicant’s first and last name as listed in their passport
 - School/university/organization/affiliation – this must be an INSEN member or observer institution, or the applicant must have graduated from an INSEN institution
 - If a student, in which type of programme you are enrolled (Bachelor’s, Master’s, PhD, etc.)
 - Country of origin

For any additional queries, please contact INSENYouth@iaea.org.

Personal data will be treated in accordance with the IAEA’s Personal Data Privacy Policy available [here](#).

In particular, personal data collected as part of the submission will not be shared further than outlined in these terms and conditions and will be kept only for the purpose of notifying and communicating with the applicants. Thereafter, the data collected will be deleted.