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“INTERNATIONAL UNDERGRADUATE ESSAY CONTESTS”

Most universities offer essay contests in and across various departments. Prizes usually include scholarship money and official recognition on the department’s website or in a publication. In addition to LUC’s university and department essay contests (links located under “Undergraduate Essay Competitions” on the Loyola OWL’s Undergraduate-Level Professional Writing page) there are other national and international essay contests offered by institutions and businesses in various disciplines. Use this resource as a starting place for your own research into essay competitions offered in your field. When drafting your essay for a contest, make sure to follow all the rules and edit your work extensively, even if it is a small essay. Let the LUC Writing Center know if you win!

**General:**

- [Essay Competitions](Scholarship-Positions.com)
- [Essay Contest Scholarships](USA Scholarships.com)
- [Scholarship Essay Contests](Scholarships.com)
- [Largest Collection of Scholarships on the Web](Student Scholarships.org)
- [International Essay Contests](Scholars Hub Africa)

**Subject-Specific:**

- [Delete Cyberbullying Scholarship](
- [D.M.H. Foundation Buy a Book Scholarship](
- [Don't Text and Drive Scholarship](Digital Responsibility)
- [International Student Essay Contests](International Student)
- [Hit the Books Scholarship](Coffee for Less)
- [Gen and Kelly Tanabe Scholarship Essay Contest](
- [Life Lessons Scholarship Program](Life Happens)
- [Search.University Essay Scholarship Contest](
- [Skilled Labor Shortage Scholarship](Home Advisor)

**By Field:**

**African Studies**

- [NCBS Essay Contest](National Council for Black Studies)

**Business**

- [Abbott & Fenner Essay Scholarship](A&F Business Consultants)

**Economics**

- [The iOme Challenge Essay Contest](

**English**

- [Ayn Rand Institute Essay Contest](
- [The Norton Writer’s Prize](W.W. Norton & Co.)
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Creative Writing
- Drue Heintz Literature Prize (University of Pittsburgh)
- Tony Hillerman Prize (St. Martin’s Press)

History
- Naval History Essay Contest (U.S. Naval Institute)

Mathematics
- Association for Women in Mathematics Essay Contest

Philosophy
- Wiesel Prize in Ethics Contest for Juniors and Seniors (The Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity)

Science and Engineering
- AES Engineering Essay Scholarship (AES Engineering)
- Apprentice Ecologist Scholarship (Apprentice Ecologist Initiative)
- ASNT Engineering Undergraduate Scholarship (the American Society for Nondestructive Testing)
- Campus Safety Health & Environmental Management Association Scholarship (CSHEMA)
- James "Rhio" O'Connor Memorial Scholarship Fund (Cancer Monthly)
- Jane Delano Student Nurse Scholarship (American Red Cross)
- Providian Medical Scholarship (Providian Medical Scholarship)
- Student Essay Competition (American Association for the Advancement of Science, Science and Human Rights Coalition)
- Student Essay Competition (Cosmic Frontiers, University of Chicago)
- Tutor the People Pre-Med Scholarship (Tutor the People)

Teaching
- Bright Futures Scholarship for Early Childhood Teachers (Bright Future's Scholarship Program)

Technology and Architecture
- Adobe Women-in-Technology Scholarship (Adobe)
- The Berkeley Prize Essay (The Annual International Berkeley Undergraduate Prize for Architectural Design Excellence)
- Zeqr Essay Scholarship (Zeqr.com)