

AZERBAIJAN: 20 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE

IPAD ESSAY CONTEST

The Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan in Canada announces an essay contest dedicated to the 20th anniversary of independence of the Republic of Azerbaijan. The contest is aimed at increasing awareness about Azerbaijan in Canadian academia as well as formulating policy recommendations for the country's future development.

PRIZE

Winners of the competition will be awarded a new IPAD. Three IPAD prizes will be available. In addition, the authors of the most impressive papers will be considered for a field study trip to Azerbaijan in 2012. Round trip tickets and accommodation will be provided by the Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

SELECTION

The selection process will involve prominent scholars and experts. The winners will be identified upon recommendations from academicians. The involvement of the scholarly community is aimed at making the selection process merit-based and non-ideological. The panel of judges will be announced later.

TOPIC

Topics of the essays might include the history of Azerbaijan, the Armenian-Azerbaijani conflict, geopolitical and international affairs with a focus on Azerbaijan, the country's political, economic and social development, urgent humanitarian and environmental problems. Within the context of generic topics students are invited to choose any specific topic according to their interest and educational background.

ELIGIBILITY

The contest is open to undergraduate, graduate and PhD students currently enrolled full-time at Canadian universities. Preference is given to Canadian citizens and permanent residents; however international students are also welcomed with the exception of students from Azerbaijan.

REQUIREMENTS

- Essay submissions will be accepted starting January 1, 2012 (after the fall semester). **The deadline for the contest is January 30, 2012.**
- Essays should be (preferably but not limited) between 2,000-3,000 words, following footnotes style. All submissions must be double spaced in 12-point, Times New Roman regular font throughout.

- Essays must not have been published elsewhere (printed or internet), nor may they have been submitted elsewhere for pending publication. However, we would welcome any future publication based on a *revised* version of the essay after January 30, 2012.
- All submitted essays will be the property of the Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan in Canada and may be reproduced, distributed, or otherwise used, in whole or in part, etc., by the Embassy or its agents without permission from or compensation to the author.
- All authors assume the responsibility for any factual errors. If copyrighted material is used in an essay, the author is responsible for obtaining permission to use the material.

ESSAY SUBMISSION

Essays must be submitted by e-mail to Mr. Tural Ganjaliyev tural.ganjaliyev@azembassy.ca and accompanied by a letter from the faculty/university confirming the student's enrollment.

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