

RAUN

Regional Academy on the United Nations



2018-2019 RAUN CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

**“Innovations for Development:
Towards Peaceful, Sustainable and Inclusive Societies“**

Deadline: 8 April 2018 at 00:00 ECT

This call is open to students currently enrolled in a Master or PhD program in Austria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia, Poland, and Slovenia between the ages of 21-30.

The **Regional Academy on the United Nations (RAUN)** is an international, multi-disciplinary education program that brings together UN Agencies and outstanding students and young scholars, who – in the course of nine months and as part of small teams – attend lectures and interactive workshops and conduct hands-on research projects of relevance for the partnering UN Agencies. RAUN's aim is to provide participants with in-depth knowledge and resources about the UN and their functions, to raise their cultural awareness and openness, and to offer a forum for networking and academic exchange. Since its creation in 2012, RAUN has trained over 200 young scholars from more than 40 nationalities.

The academy follows a unique format combining **lectures and interactive workshops** with practical hands-on-experiences. The program consists of three sessions per academic year (May until January), which take place in different participating countries (Slovakia, Hungary, and Austria). All courses are given by high-ranking experts and practitioners who share their rich experience with participants in an informal setting.

Apart from course-work during the sessions, participants work on **research projects** in close cooperation with different UN agencies and other international organizations on topics of global relevance, such as peace and security, international development, human rights, environmental issues, and the United Nations in the 21st century. Through their group work, participants are able to develop their academic research skills and to form strong networks with like-minded peers, academics, and experts from various fields in an environment that fosters diversity, cultural learning, and understanding. During the program, participants get the opportunity to visit UN institutions in Vienna as well as Permanent Missions and Embassies in other countries. The results of the research projects will be presented during the final RAUN session at the UN Headquarters in Vienna in January 2019. At the end of the program, participants receive certificates of successful completion of the Academy.

2018-2019 RAUN Theme:

Innovations for Development: Towards Peaceful, Sustainable, and Inclusive Societies

Session venues and dates:

Bratislava/Vienna: 9-11 May 2018

Budapest: 11-14 September 2018

Vienna: 15-18 January 2019 (tbc)

Extended application deadline: 8 April 2018 at 00:00 CET

Contact and application

For detailed information about the Academy and the conditions to participate please visit www.ra-un.org or contact us at info@ra-un.org.