



# RAUN

Regional Academy on the United Nations

2016 RAUN CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

**“Eliminating Poverty and Creating a Better World  
The Implementation of the 2030 Agenda”**

Deadline: 30 March 2016 at 00:00 ECT

This call is open to students currently enrolled in a Master’s or PhD programs in Austria, Czech Republic, Hungary, and Slovakia between the ages of 21 and 28.

The **Regional Academy on the United Nations (RAUN)** is an international and multi-disciplinary program which trains students and young scholars in issues related to the United Nations and international cooperation. RAUN's aim is to provide participants with broad 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 140 young scholars from more than 20 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 (April/May until January), which take place in different participating countries (Czech Republic, Slovakia, 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 cooperation with different UN agencies and other international organizations on topics of global relevance, such as international security, international development, human rights, 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, tolerance, 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 2017. At the end of the program, participants receive certificates of successful completion of the academy.

#### **2016-2017 RAUN Theme:**

Eliminating Poverty and Creating a Better World: The Implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

#### **Session venues and dates:**

- Prague: 2-4 May, 2016
- Bratislava: 12-14 September, 2016
- Vienna: 10-13 January, 2017 (dates subject to change)

#### **Contact and application**

For detailed information about the Academy and the conditions to participate please visit [www.ra-un.org](http://www.ra-un.org) or contact us at 2016raun@gmail.com.

All applications should be sent to raun.applications@gmail.com by 20 March 2016 at 00:00 CET. Before applying please carefully read the information provided in our handbook for applicants at [www.ra-un.org/applications.html](http://www.ra-un.org/applications.html).

**Note:** RAUN is accredited by the PhD program of Social Science at the University of Vienna, the Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences of Comenius University in Slovakia, and the Department of International Relations of University of Economics Prague.