

# RAUN

Regional Academy on the United Nations



## 2018-2019 RAUN CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

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

**Deadline: 31 March 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: 11-13 September 2018

Vienna: 15-18 January 2019 (tbc)

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**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 [info@ra-un.org](mailto:info@ra-un.org).

RAUN is accredited by different university departments and academic institutions, among others by the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Vienna, the Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences of Comenius University, and the Central European University Global Policy Academy.