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Regional
Academy on the
United Nations



RAUN 2013-2014: Engaging Youth for Effective
Governance.

Call for Applications

The theme for 2013-2014 Regional Academy on the United Nations will be “Engaging Youth for Effective Governance.”

1. General description

The Regional Academy on the United Nations (RAUN) was launched in January 2012 as a program of the Academic Council on the United Nations System Vienna, in close cooperation with the United Nations specialized agencies in Vienna (UNIS, CTBTO), and the Czech United Nations Association.

Partner institutions of RAUN include the University of Economics (Prague), the University of Szeged, Faculty of Law of the University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Law of the University of Belgrade as organizing partners, the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, University of Vienna, the European Peace University, the Austrian Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic.



2. Aim

This international project aims to assist students of international relations, law, economics and related fields in deepening their knowledge of United Nations’ mission, values, and work. RAUN is dedicated to training and equipping the next generation of internationalists with the necessary tools to provide solutions for the global challenges in the 21st century.



3. Structure

RAUN is a mobile academy with four sessions per year program that takes place in the Czech Republic, Hungary, Austria, Slovenia and Serbia. The program offers students from participating countries the possibility to attend lectures covering the wide range of United Nations activities, held by high-ranking experts and practitioners, who share their rich experience. It is organized in form of international lecture sessions for students in participating countries and in addition, students make field trips to the United Nations institutions in Vienna. This unique opportunity enables them to talk to well-known experts and practitioners directly collaborating with the United Nations. Moreover, students are required

to work in team and do research on topics relevant to the United Nations throughout the year. At the end of the



program, they present the outcomes of their collaboration before a jury of experts at the UN headquarters in Vienna.

4. Key facts

- Tentative dates (to be confirmed): May 2013; August 2013; October 2013; January 2014
- Tentative venues: Czech Republic; Slovenia; Hungary; Austria
- Target group: Master and last year bachelor students (→ see 7. About participants)
- **Deadline for applications: 24th of February 2013, 00:00 CET**

5. Main project themes

Over the time of the project, students will research on the following main categories which will be shaped to suit students interest: Nuclear-related issues (e.g.: nuclear safety and disarmament); International security (e.g.: terrorism, civil war etc.); Human rights (e.g.: refugees and migrations, rights of minorities; human trafficking); International development (e.g.: development in post-conflict societies, MDGs and SDGs); the UN in the 21st century.

The academy's last session will take place in Vienna in January 2014, where the outcome of the research projects will be presented in front of experts at the UN Offices in Vienna as one of the requirements to receive a certificate of a successful completion of the academy.



6. Preliminary program (to be confirmed)

The following sessions will take place in four of the following countries: Austria, Hungary, Czech Republic, Serbia, and Slovenia.

- **Session one: May 2013 – Prague, Czech Republic**
 - The United Nations in the 21st Century
 - Eastern Europe and the United Nations
 - Development in Post-conflict Societies
 - Nuclear Safety and Security
 - Debate/negotiation exercise – simulation of a real situation (e.g. UN SC meeting on drafting a resolution on Syria)
 - Distribution of project research topics

- **Session two: August 2013 – Ljubljana, Slovenia**
 - The Responsibility to Protect – R2P in theory and practice
 - Debate/negotiation exercise – simulation of a real situation (e.g. UN SC meeting on drafting a resolution on Mali)

- **Session three: October 2013 – Szeged, Hungary**
 - Refugees and Migration in Europe
 - Model United Nations

- Project research discussion and process review
- **Session four (final session): January 2014 – Vienna, Austria**

Note: The final session of the RAUN will be part of the UN-ACUNS Annual Conference

- UN policies revisited
- New drug policies
- Human Rights (e.g. new forms of slavery, death penalty and femicide)
- Engaging youth in effective governance
- Development in the Global South
- New forms of slavery

The 2014-2015 program will start in April 2014 in Belgrade, Serbia

- Human trafficking
- Legal aid
- Minority rights

7. About participants

The program is open for Bachelor (final year) and Master students of international relations, law, economics and related fields of partner universities. Applicants to the program will be selected based on their knowledge and interest in the United Nations. Six to eight students from each country (Austria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovenia and Serbia) will be chosen to participate in the program. After completing the program, students will be awarded a certificate of participation. Those who bring an outstanding contribution will be offered the opportunity of an internship at the UN Office in Vienna, as well as the possibility to publish



their research projects.

8. Eligibility

Participants should fulfil the following criteria:

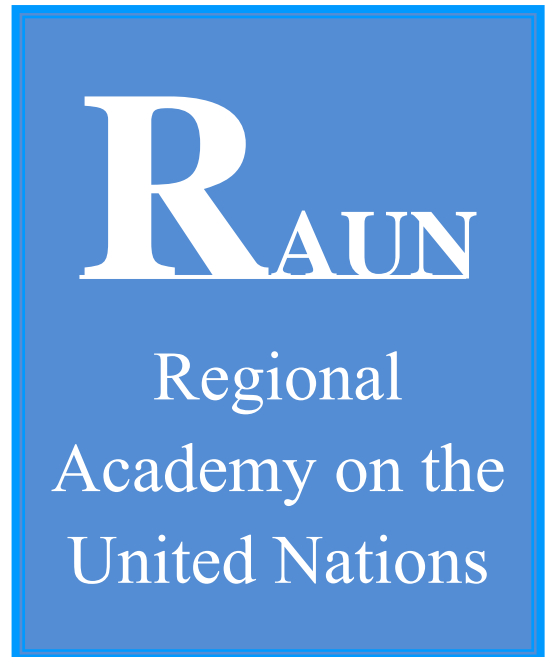
- Be enrolled in a Master program or at least in the last year of a Bachelor program in one of the participating countries
- Have interest in the UN system and topics of the RAUN program
- Be willing to work in a multicultural team
- Be able to combine the Regional Academy on the United Nations requirements with their studies
- BE ABLE TO ATTEND ALL FOUR SESSIONS.

Costs of the program: Participants of the program need to cover all their costs of transportation, accommodation and meals, however the sending institutions might provide funding for some of the costs.

9. Contact information

For more information about the academy and how to take part please visit <http://acuns.org/raun/> and contact the organizers.

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OUR AIM

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LOCAL AND REGIONAL PARTNERS

RAUN is an initiative of the **Academic Council on United Nations System Vienna** in cooperation with **United Nations Information System (UNIS) Vienna**, **CTBTO**, University of Economics Prague, University of Szeged, University of Ljubljana, University of Vienna, Diplomatic Academy Vienna, University of Belgrade, Webster University, and European Peace University Vienna

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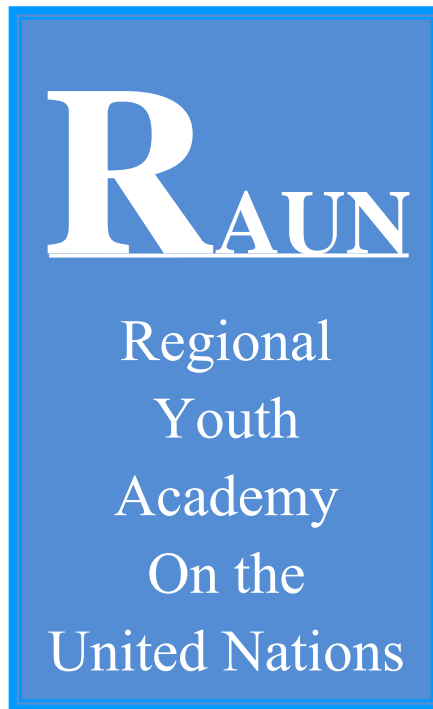
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OUR PROGRAMME CONSISTS OF

Special Lectures by Experts on

- > Human Rights Issues
- > International Development
- > Nuclear Safety and Disarmament
- > International Security Issues
- > United Nations System

Group Dynamic

- > Group Project Research
- > Team Work
- > Group Discussions
- > Strong Networking

Opportunities Ranging from

- > Learning from high-ranking UN & Government Officials
- > Practical knowledge of the UN & Diplomatic Systems
- > Networking with other Academics and Practitioners
- > Developing Interpersonal Skills
- > Acquiring Cultural Awareness & Understanding
- > Publishing Research Projects

.....and many more

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Joint UN-ACUNS Certificates of Successful Completion

Application deadline: 24 Feb. 2013