

Neuroethics Essay Contest

CALL FOR ESSAYS

The International Neuroethics Society (INS) and the International Youth Neuroscience Association (IYNA) are pleased to announce a call for submissions for the Neuroethics Essay Contest in 2026. The contest promotes interest in neuroethics among students and trainees around the world.

AUTHOR ELIGIBILITY

Participation in the contest is open to any student in high school or secondary school, any post-secondary student, and any postdoctoral fellow or similar early-career trainee from anywhere in the world. Students must be currently enrolled in school, accepted to a program for a future term, or preparing to apply to graduate programs. Professionals are not eligible to participate in the contest.

There are no restrictions regarding an author's program or area of study as long as they meet the education level requirements outlined above, and their submission meets all essay requirements.

ESSAY TOPICS

Essay submissions can cover any topic in neuroethics and should address a focused problem at the intersections of the mind and brain sciences, ethics, and law. The committee makes no in-principle restrictions regarding neuroethical topics and encourages authors to take creative approaches with their essays.

Review the essay call webpage for complete details and requirements.

SUBMISSION

The submission deadline is in August. See the essay call for an exact date. Late submissions will not be accepted.

CATEGORIES

- › Academic Essay
- › General Audience Essay
- › IYNA-INS High School Essay
- › Video Essay

PRIZES

- › Cash prizes for top essays
- › Student membership with the INS
- › Free registration to the annual neuroethics conference

REQUIREMENTS

Written essays must be in English by a single author and cannot exceed word count limits set for each category.

Videos must meet time requirements, but are not limited only to English.

Essays produced for or derived from previous coursework are eligible. The author retains all rights to their work.

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The International Neuroethics Society is a community of students, scholars, researchers and scientists dedicated to neuroethics. The International Youth Neuroscience Association is a global, youth-led nonprofit which supports and advocates for neuroscience education. The Dana Foundation is a partner of the contest and provided financial support for this year's contest and prizes.