



Announcing the Launch of the **Nuclear Security Delegation for the Future**

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) is launching the inaugural **Nuclear Security Delegation for the Future** – an exceptional opportunity for future leaders to gain real world experience in leadership, diplomacy, and international nuclear security. The IAEA is now accepting applications from motivated students and early career professionals who wish to take part in this exciting initiative.

The **Nuclear Security Delegation for the Future** aims to identify the next generation of nuclear security specialists and contribute to their professional development. This programme will offer a unique platform for accepted participants to learn, collaborate, and contribute to the advancement of nuclear security on a global stage.

Ten outstanding applicants will be selected ahead of the IAEA's fourth **International Conference on Nuclear Security (ICONS): Shaping the Future**, to be held at its Headquarters in Vienna, Austria, from 20 to 24 May 2024. These selectees will meet in the weeks leading up to the conference to form an international **Nuclear Security Delegation for the Future**. Delegates will be asked to collaborate closely, drawing on their individual academic and professional backgrounds to discuss the future of nuclear security. These discussions will culminate with a presentation of their deliberations at ICONS 2024. Through this joint effort, the **Nuclear Security Delegation for the Future** will tangibly demonstrate cooperative global leadership among young nuclear security professionals while actively contributing to the international discussion surrounding nuclear security.

Highlights

Active participation in ICONS 2024

Delegates in the **Nuclear Security Delegation for the Future** will be afforded unique opportunities to be involved in different aspects of ICONS 2024. In addition to preparing and presenting the results of their deliberations, selected participants may also serve as assistant technical officers and/or rapporteurs throughout the duration of the conference. In coordination with the Secretariat and Programme Committee, the **Nuclear Security Delegation for the Future** may also host a technical session or side event on a nuclear security topic of their choosing during the conference.

Professional development opportunities

ICONS 2024 will provide a global forum for ministers, policymakers, senior officials and nuclear security experts to discuss the future of nuclear security worldwide, whilst providing opportunities for exchanging information, sharing best practices and fostering international cooperation. Participants in the **Nuclear Security Delegation for the Future** will be invited to actively participate in ICONS 2024 and in doing so, delegates will have ample opportunities to forge connections with peers, industry leaders, and policymakers from around the world. From networking events to mentorship sessions, delegates will be afforded the chance to expand their technical and leadership skillset in order to advance their individual careers.

Application process

The IAEA invites interested candidates to submit a comprehensive resume and a thoughtfully crafted letter of motivation, which should showcase the candidate's passion and vision for the future of global nuclear security. The selection committee will review applications and extend invitations for interviews to a limited number of candidates. Based on the outcome of the interviews, ten selected participants will receive flight tickets, accommodation and daily living expenses to attend ICONS 2024 in Vienna, Austria (20-24 May 2024).

Why apply?

- **Participate in the global conversation:** Actively engage in the international nuclear security dialogue through active participation in ICONS 2024.
- **Expand your network:** Utilize this global forum to interact and exchange ideas with nuclear security professionals from around the world.
- **Refine your skills:** Cultivate your technical, communication, diplomacy, and leadership skills in a unique and dynamic international setting.

Who qualifies?

University students (undergraduate and graduate) and early career professionals with less than five years of work experience in nuclear security are invited to submit applications. Applicants' schedules should allow for full attendance at ICONS 2024 in Vienna, Austria from 20-24 May 2024. They should also be willing to dedicate personal time in the weeks leading up to the conference to meet and discuss with fellow delegates via online communications platforms.

The IAEA especially encourages women and individuals from developing countries to apply. We welcome those involved in the multiple disciplines supporting nuclear security, including, but not limited to: natural and social sciences, engineering, law, international relations and other legal, policy and technical disciplines associated with nuclear security. We welcome early career professionals from government authorities including regulatory bodies, intelligence agencies, security agencies, response and law enforcement agencies, as well as from industry, academia, and the non-governmental sector.

Guidelines and selection process

The submission of applications must follow the following guidelines:

- Letter of motivation length: 1000 words and under
- Limit: One entry per person
- Language: English
- Submission deadline: **1 February 2024**, at 11:59pm, Vienna Time (CET); Only entries submitted before midnight will be considered
- Notification to interview finalists: No later than **15 February 2024**
- Notification of acceptance: No later than **15 March 2024**

Terms and conditions

1. The programme is open to applicants from all IAEA Member States.
2. There is no cost to submit an application.
3. Those who are selected to form the delegation will be requested to send their identification documents (e.g., copy of passport) to facilitate administrative arrangements and travel to Austria.
4. All written letters of motivation must be original work by the applicant in their own words, except for quotations from published and unpublished sources which are clearly indicated and acknowledged as such. Any content that can be identified as plagiarism will result in immediate disqualification.
5. The submission e-mail should:
 - Be sent to ICONS2024@iaea.org
 - Contain “Delegation for the Future 2024_APPLICATION’S FAMILY NAME” in the subject line (e.g., Delegation for the Future 2024_SMITH)
 - Contain the full resume and letter of motivation as an attachment in **ONE** PDF document
 - Contain the following information in the body of the e-mail:
 1. Applicant’s first and last name as listed in their passport
 2. School/organization/affiliation
 4. If a student, in which type of programme enrolled (Bachelor’s, Master’s, PhD)
 5. Country of origin

For any additional queries, please contact ICONS2024@iaea.org.

Personal data will be treated in accordance with the IAEA’s Personal Data Privacy Policy available [here](#).

In particular, personal data collected as part of the submission will not be shared further than outlined in these terms and conditions and will be kept only for the purpose of notifying and communicating with the applicants, thereafter the data collected will be deleted.