



Association of International Petroleum Negotiators  
**STUDENT WRITING COMPETITION 2019-2020**

AIPN has sponsored an annual student writing competition since 2001. The competition is open to all full-time seniors in a four-year program and all graduate students enrolled at an accredited university in either the fall 2019 or spring 2020 semesters. Essays should be an original work at editorial length (**no more than 4,000 words, excluding footnotes**) on any specific issue of the student's choice which is directly related to international petroleum negotiations, such as matters of contract, law or policy.

**The essay should not exceed 4,000 words, excluding footnotes (approximately 12 double-spaced typed pages of text). Footnotes should be in Blue Book format and placed at the bottom of the page. The essay should be submitted in PDF or Word format.**

**All essays must be submitted to the AIPN by e-mail no later than November 12, 2019, accompanied by a current one page curriculum vitae of the author and his/her contact details. Applicants will be notified of the winners on or around January 17, 2020.**

Students enrolled at schools associated with our Education Advisory Board program\* must submit their papers to the professor representing the school in the program, who will submit the top four (4) papers from that school. Students who are not enrolled at schools represented by the AIPN Education Advisory Board may submit their essays directly to AIPN. Two prizes will be awarded, although AIPN reserves the right to award fewer than two or none at all, if it determines that none of the submitted entries justifies an award. Previous winners are not eligible to participate again. The essays will be reviewed by a committee comprised of educators, lawyers, business managers and international negotiators. Selection of the winning essays is solely at the discretion of the committee. Essays will be judged on topical relevance (is the topic useful to members of AIPN in their work?), originality of content, creativity, insight, clarity and support for viewpoints taken. Each student may submit only one entry. Essays become the property of AIPN. AIPN may request proof of enrollment for the submission to be considered.

\*AIPN Education Advisory Board associated schools:

Agostinho Neto University	Southern Methodist University	University of Calgary
Colorado School of Mines	Strathmore University	University of Dundee
Louisiana State University	Texas A&M University	University of Houston
Ohio State University	Texas Southern University	University of Marmara
Qatar University	The IFP School (France)	University of Oklahoma
Queen Mary University of London	Tulane University	University of Oklahoma
Rice University	University of Aberdeen	University of Texas
Rio de Janeiro State University	University of Alberta	University of Texas at Austin
South Texas College of Law - Houston	University of Bedfordshire	University of Tulsa

**The award includes:**

- The winner(s) will receive registration to either the AIPN International Petroleum Summit and its related evening events, to be held in Bangkok, Thailand on May 19-21, 2020 or the Model Contracts Workshop to be held in the fall (location still pending).
- Roundtrip, advance booking coach ticket to conference city
- \$300 expense reimbursement, for expenses incurred directly relating to this conference and supported by receipts

- Standard lodging at the conference location during the conference, and
- Student membership in AIPN for one year.

In addition, the winning essays may be published by AIPN in the *Advisor* and may be eligible for publication in the *Journal of World Energy Law and Business*, published by Oxford University Press.

*Students related to current AIPN Officers or Directors are not eligible to win. Previous Student Writing Competition winners are excluded from participating again. By submitting an entry, you certify that you are not related to any foreign (outside the United States) government official, nor are you subject to any United States economic sanctions. If you have any questions regarding these statements, please contact us at [education@aipn.org](mailto:education@aipn.org).*

**Entries should be submitted in one email by November 12, 2019 in PDF or Word format to [education@aipn.org](mailto:education@aipn.org) including:**

- Current curriculum vitae that does not exceed one page in 12 point font.
- Complete contact information including name, email address and phone number.