

Call for Applications

OSCE Central Asian Youth Network (CAYN) SEMINAR

“Tolerance and Radicalism in the Social Media Sphere” Almaty, Kazakhstan 3-5 September 2013

The Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe's (OSCE) Centre in Astana, Kazakhstan is pleased to invite undergraduate students currently enrolled in universities in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, including students from Mongolia and Afghanistan studying at Central Asian universities to submit applications for a competitive application process to attend the OSCE Central Asian Youth Network Seminar. The seminar will be hosted by the OSCE Centre in Astana and held on **3-5 September 2013** in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

The seminar will bring together promising students from Central Asian OSCE participating States to improve their critical thinking skills and share perspectives on existing threats to security in Central Asia. The seminar also aims to stimulate creativity and encourage a co-operative approach among students from countries in the region. Seminar participants will be selected based on the quality of their application (including an essay)¹ and their community involvement.

The seminar's working languages are **English and Russian**; applicants must be fluent in both.

CAYN alumni are also encouraged to apply. There are 10 funded places reserved for CAYN alumni. The candidates will be chosen based on their proposed substantive contribution to the event. Those present in Almaty at the time of the seminar are also encouraged to join CAYN2013 (prior registration is required).

Successful candidates will be invited (all expenses paid) to attend the seminar in Almaty to participate in panel discussions, interactive exercises, and outdoor activities with their fellow Central Asian students, CAYN alumni, and leading regional experts. We look forward to welcoming you to Almaty!

OSCE/CAYN2013 Student Application:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dHFqZkZlU2ViOV9lYU5vRUhOaWFRMVE6MA#gid=0>

OSCE/CAYN2013 ALUMNI Application:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dDBWUmt4bUxZcl8lMkxYVGnfUmI1bXc6MA#gid=0>

DEADLINE: 6 July, 2013 (Earlier submissions are encouraged)

For more information on OSCE/CAYN activities, please visit:

<http://www.osce.org/asta>

<http://www.osce.org/astana/69586>.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/174026419859/>

¹How we evaluate your essay: We expect a highly original personal perspective on the assigned topic. We will look for an ability to challenge existing assumptions, a coherent presentation of arguments, a clear structure, and intelligent comments. Anti-plagiarism rules apply to all works received.