

Showcasing Excellence in Economic Thinking – From the Classroom to the Podium

Annual Undergraduate Research Essay Workshop and Competition

Abstract

The Laboratory of International Economics and Development (IEDL) launches an annual initiative aimed at enhancing academic writing and early-stage research engagement among undergraduate economics students. The competition transforms course-based essays into a recognized academic experience, promoting excellence in economic analysis and communication. This initiative functions as a High-Impact Educational Practice (HIP), formally acknowledging the quality of student work and strengthening preparation for postgraduate studies or professional careers.

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The IEDL is responsible for the full coordination of the program: issuing calls for submissions, collecting approved essays, convening the Selection Committee, and organizing the Annual Workshop. The workshop includes presentations by the selected students and a keynote address by a distinguished academic.

Expected Output

The program will showcase a selection of outstanding undergraduate essays, publicly presented at the Annual IEDL Workshop. Participants will gain experience in research, academic writing, and oral presentation, while engaging with the academic community. Awards for excellence will be conferred, reinforcing the department's academic culture and inspiring future economists.