

# RAUN

Regional Academy on the United Nations



## 2017-2018 RAUN CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

### **“Women and Girls in a Changing World: Prospects and Challenges”**

Deadline: 30 March 2017 at 00:00 ECT

This call is open to students currently enrolled in a Master or PhD program in Austria, Czech Republic, Hungary, and Slovakia between the ages of 21 and 30.

The Regional Academy on the United Nations (RAUN) is an international and multi-disciplinary program which trains young scholars in issues related to the United Nations and international cooperation. RAUN's aim is to provide participants with in-depth knowledge and resources about the UN and its functions, to raise their cultural awareness and openness, and to offer them a forum for networking and academic exchange. Since its creation in 2012, RAUN has trained over 170 young scholars from more than 25 countries.

The Academy follows a unique format combining **lectures and interactive workshops** with practical hands-on experiences. The program consists of three sessions per academic year (May until January), which take place in different participating countries (Slovakia, Czech Republic, and Austria). All courses are given by high-ranking experts and practitioners who share their rich experience with participants in an informal setting.

Apart from course-work during the sessions, participants work on **research projects** in cooperation with different UN agencies and other international organizations on topics of global relevance, such as peace and security, international development, human rights, environmental issues, and the United Nations in the 21st century. Through their group work, participants are able to develop their academic research skills and to form strong networks with like-minded peers, academics, and experts from various fields in an environment that fosters diversity, tolerance, cultural learning, and understanding. During the program, participants get the opportunity to visit UN institutions in Vienna as well as Permanent Missions and Embassies in other countries. The results of the research projects will be presented during the final RAUN session at the UN Headquarters in Vienna in January 2018. At the end of the program, participants receive certificates of successful completion of the Academy.

**2017-2018 RAUN theme:**

Women and Girls in a Changing World: Prospects and Challenges

**Session venues and dates:**

Bratislava/Vienna: 10-12 May 2017

Prague: 4-6 September 2017

Vienna: 16-18 January 2018 (dates subject to change)

**Contact and application**

For detailed information about the Academy and the conditions to participate please visit [www.ra-un.org](http://www.ra-un.org) or contact us at [info@ra-un.org](mailto:info@ra-un.org).

All applications should be sent to [raun-communications@ra-un.org](mailto:raun-communications@ra-un.org) by 30 March 2017 at 00:00 CET. Before applying please carefully read the information provided in our handbook for applicants at <http://www.ra-un.org/applications.html>.

RAUN is accredited by the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Vienna, the Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences of Comenius University in Bratislava, and the Department of International Relations of the University of Economics in Prague.