

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

International Policy Paper Writing Seminar

Dates: 21-25 October, 2019

Application deadline: 21 September 2019

Venue: OSCE Academy in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic
Trainers: Dr Emilbek Dzhuraev and Dr Lance Tillman, lecturers of the OSCE Academy

Learning objectives: the participants will enhance their practical writing skills to present results of their research and arguments in formats and styles effective for policy audiences.

Description: The Policy Paper Writing Seminar will take place from **21 to 25 October 2019**. The training program is designed to help young scholars, activists and policy-makers develop their skills of practical, policy-relevant writing and communication. Academic work and the policy field often reveal a gap between them, leaving policy makers in want of serious analysis and research, and academics unable to inform policy based on their research. The policy paper writing seminar is aimed at training a group of young researchers and professionals from Central Asia and Afghanistan to bridge that gap and become effective participants of sound policy discussions in the region. The most successful policy papers produced within the framework of this program may be published in relevant OSCE Academy publications. Sessions will include lectures, class discussions, group work, and peer-editing sessions. The concluding day of the training will be devoted to presenting policy papers in front of peers and interested audience.

Medium of seminar: English

Costs: Free of charge; travel and accommodation are covered by the OSCE Academy.

Who can apply?

We invite applications from citizens of five Central Asian states and Afghanistan holding BA or MA degrees, residing in one of these countries.

How to apply?

Please, submit the following documents in a **single** MS Word document of **no more than 4 pages**, all in English, saved as **Mr/Ms_Name_Surname_PPWS:**

- A curriculum vitae of no more than two pages;
- A letter of motivation up to 400 words;
- A one-page policy paper proposal on a regionally relevant topic.

Please send your documents to Venera Mambaeva, Research and Training Assistant, via email: training@osce-academy.net NO LATER than 21 September, 2019, 6 PM Bishkek time. Please indicate “**International Policy Paper Writing Seminar**” in the subject line of your email. Application that does not follow these instructions **will not** be reviewed. **Please NOTE that only selected candidates will be contacted.**

Selection and schedule

Successful candidates will be selected and informed by 1 October, 2019. Invited training participants will be required to fully attend the program, complete all training activities and make tangible progress in producing their individual policy papers. All the trainees are expected to be complete and submit their paper by November 20, 2019.