

New Cosmic Frontiers

An International Science Essay Competition On the Nature of our Universe and its Habitats

Preparing for Essay Application

Deadline: June 15, 2012 22:00 UTC

Please read the “Essay Competition Invitation” document in its entirety before preparing your essay application. The “Essay Competition Invitation” document is available on the project website.

Download Essay Competition Invitation:

www.newfrontiersinastronomy.org/documents/New-Cosmic-Frontiers-Essay-Competition-02-03-2012.pdf

There are two (2) documents that you must prepare in advance of submitting your application at the New Frontiers in Astronomy & Cosmology Submission Site:

1. Your Essay: Be sure to follow the content and format instructions provided in the “Essay Competition Invitation” document. *You must save your essay as a Word file or as an Adobe PDF file.*

2. Certification and Release of Liability Form: This form, which includes instructions at the top of the first page, is available on the project website. *Please complete the form with inked signatures, scan it, and save it as an Adobe PDF file.*

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Once you have these two documents prepared and electronically saved to your computer, log into the New Frontiers in Astronomy & Cosmology Submission Site at <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/newfrontiers>.

If you do not have a log in and password, click on the “Create Account” link at the submission site. The submission site includes additional instructions on how to complete your application and how to upload and submit your two documents.

Note: If you are a finalist, you will probably be contacted for an interview in August 2012, before the winners are selected.

Note to College Students (Category 2): The purpose of the essay contest is to inspire young students to consider careers in science and to nurture their enthusiasm for the subject. The contest is designed to engage young minds in intellectual as well as creative activities essential in scientific endeavors. In addition, by providing them with the opportunity to meet and interact with today's leading forward-looking thinkers/scholars, we hope to have enduring impacts on these young students to seek their own potential to become the original and forward-looking Big Question thinkers of tomorrow. The Category 2 essay contest is open to any undergraduate student currently registered full-time at a college or university at the time of submission. Generally this will mean the student is 22 years of age or under. (Regardless of age, those who are college or university students must submit their essays in Category 2). If you are a college student who is over the age of 22, please add a statement in your essay explaining the situation that places you at such an institution.

If you have any questions, please send an e-mail to bigquestions@oddjob.uchicago.edu

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