The Cyber Policy Dialogue for the Americas

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!

2024 YOUTH CYBER DELEGATES FOR THE AMERICAS PROGRAM

Application deadline: March 15, 2024

The **Cyber Policy Dialogue for the Americas** (CPDA) is excited to announce its 2024 Youth Delegate Program, which will focus on providing comprehensive educational resources for **30 Mexican undergraduate students** in the field of cyber and emerging technology issues.

Structure

This virtual program offers a unique opportunity for participants to engage with subject-matter experts and mentors over a five-week period to understand the impact of cyberspace across five major fields:

| SECURITY | AI | DEMOCRACY | SPACE | TRADE |

Additionally, selected candidates will be assigned a mentor to engage in academic and career-related discussions. Estimated commitment time is 8 hours per week.

Eligibility

- Be a Mexican citizen
- Be enrolled in a full-time undergraduate program in a valid public or private university in Mexico
- Be in good academic standing (average grade of 8.0 or more)
- No prior knowledge of tech policy issues is needed. An advanced English level is needed for all lectures and discussions will be delivered in English

How to apply

Interested candidates are invited to submit the following information and documents for consideration:

1. **Details of your academic qualifications** – Specify the university in which you are currently enrolled and your academic program
2. **CV.** – Comprehensive overview of your educational/professional background
3. **Academic reference** – Letter of recommendation that can attest to your qualifications and suitability for the program
4. **Personal statement** – Submit a personal statement in English (maximum 800 words) outlining how participating in the CPDA Youth Delegate Program will contribute to your career goals and academic interests

The deadline for applications is March 15, 2024. Delegates will be selected through a competitive process based on academic merit, experience, and the strength of the personal statement. The program is set to commence in April 2024.

Applications should be submitted using the following **Google Form**

Frequently asked questions

Who is eligible to apply? Any Mexican student enrolled in a full-time undergraduate program from any valid public/private university in Mexico. Successful applicants must be on good academic standing and meet the criteria outlined above.

Are there any costs? No. The program is merit-based and has no cost for participants. There are no application costs.

What is the application timeline? Applications open on February 7, 2024, and close on March 15, 2024, at 11:59 pm PT.

How does this program benefit me? In addition to learning from renowned experts in the field of technology policy, selected applicants will be assigned a mentor to discuss career-related questions.

What is the duration of the program? The program will run for five weeks (from April 1, 2024 to May 3, 2024).

Recommendation letter? The letter of recommendation should come from academic or professional references who are qualified to support your application. It should not exceed one page.

Do I need an advanced English level? While we do not require applicants to submit language test scores, the lectures and assignments will be delivered fully in English. Therefore, it is recommended that applicants have an advanced level.

Who reviews the applications? Applications will be reviewed by CPDA's Leadership Team. While we would like to offer more spots, decisions are final. We hope to increase the number of available places in subsequent editions of the program.

How will the course be delivered? This year the program will be delivered virtually. Readings will be facilitated to participants and lectures will be delivered over Zoom. Therefore, access to internet/computer is necessary.

Use of generative AI policy – While we recognize the learning potential of these tools, we ask applicants to write their own statement of purpose, which will allow the CPDA Team to know your motivations and objectives better.

If you have any particular question, feel free to reach out to: inquiry.cpda@gmail.com. You can also visit our official website: cyberdialogueamericas.org.

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