The **Canadian Association for Security and Intelligence Studies (CASIS)** announces the 1st annual competition for the **CASIS Essay Prize,** supported by the **Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS)**. Prizes will be awarded for the best undergraduate and graduate papers on a subject dealing with intelligence or on a matter related to Canada's broad national security interests.

The Award

One graduate and one undergraduate paper will be awarded. The graduate prize is $2500, while the undergraduate prize is $1000. Both winners will be invited to deliver their papers at a CASIS event in 2022, and both papers will be published on-line through the CASIS website.

Eligibility Criteria

The competition is open to undergraduate or graduate students enrolled at a Canadian university, or any Canadian student enrolled at a university outside of Canada. Papers submitted as part of a university course requirement *and* papers specifically designed for this contest are welcome.

Essays must address the following question:

"*One of the questions addressed at the 2021 CASIS Conference is the impact of complex geo-political changes on Canada's threat environment. These changes are anticipated to shape what Canadians expect from their security and intelligence community. Which change drivers do you believe will have the greatest impact on the threat environment and the future of Canadian intelligence requirements? What are the essential elements and attributes (human, structural, technological and ethical) of relevant, effective, and trustworthy intelligence services in this future environment?*"

Submissions can be from any Humanities or Social Sciences discipline, inter-disciplinary programmes, or law school. Submissions in English and French are welcome. Only one paper per candidate will be accepted for the competition.

Submission

Undergraduate essays cannot exceed 30 pages including footnotes. Graduate papers cannot exceed 40 pages including notes. Submissions should be sent by email with a clear subject heading reading "CASIS-CSIS Prize", graduate or undergraduate level, and the author's last name: i.e. CASIS-CSIS Prize – undergraduate – Doe, Jane.

Submissions should be in Microsoft Word, 12 point font, single space, and must include a full title page with the author's name, institution, academic programme, and contact information. Proof of registration at a University in Canada or abroad (transcript or certification) is required, and proof of citizenship may be required for students studying outside of Canada. Send an electronic copy of the paper to:

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The **deadline for submissions is Saturday, April 30th, 2022.**

Adjudication

All submissions will be adjudicated by a panel comprised of academics and representatives of the CSIS Academic Outreach & Stakeholder Engagement (AOSE) program. The review process will commence in May 2022, with results announced via email in June.

About CASIS

CASIS is a non-partisan, voluntary association established in 1985. Its principal purpose is to provide informed debate in Canada on security and intelligence issues. Membership is open and includes academics, concerned citizens, government officials, journalists, lawyers, students, as well as former intelligence officers.

About CSIS AOSE

The Academic Outreach & Stakeholder Engagement program is an important bridge linking CSIS to Canadians. The program engages with stakeholders and thought leaders on national security issues from across Canada and around the world to ensure that CSIS' work is informed by a broad and diverse spectrum of voices and perspectives.