











2024 Next Generation for Biosecurity Competition Submission Guidelines

Formatting

- Title page should include team member names, organizational affiliations, and home countries
- Submissions should be in 12-point Times New Roman font, single spaced
- Headings may be bolded and/or italicized in 12-point font
- Sections should have a single blank line of separation as demonstrated in this document

Prompt: How does equitable biosecurity investment effectively reduce biological risks?

Executive Summary (Up to 300 words)

Provide a stand-alone summary of your team's research approach and policy and/or technical recommendations that countries and/or organizations should adopt or build to encourage equitable biosecurity implementation, with a goal of maximizing the risk reduction potential of their investments.

Background (Up to 500 words)

In this section, you should provide a clear definition and examples of how systemic inequities in global health security affect countries' abilities to prevent, detect, and respond to biological threats, including deliberate events.

Discussion (Up to 800 words)

This section should demonstrate how integrating equity into biosecurity investments and practices can drive or enhance biological threat reduction. Submissions should consider how equity is implemented in biosecurity across professional sectors, levels of governance, and around the world. This section should also discuss how equitable biosecurity implementation might increase meaningful participation and leadership of underrepresented or marginalized individuals and improve sustainability of global biosecurity capacity-building.

Recommendations (Up to 1,000 words)

This section should offer recommendations and/or proposed structures that countries and organizations should adopt or build to encourage equitable biosecurity implementation with a goal of maximizing the risk reduction potential of their investments. When developing these recommendations, ensure that you are taking into account how various sectors (i.e., health, science, security, finance, etc.) and stakeholders (i.e., governments, civil society, academia, multilateral organizations, private sector, philanthropy, etc.) can contribute to equitable biosecurity development. Consider new and existing progress and/or outcome indicators that might assess the effectiveness of the implementation of equity-based interventions in biosecurity over time.

The information in this section can be creatively formatted with graphics if desired. Strive to ensure your recommendations address the gaps you identified in the background and discussion sections.

Conclusions (Up to 400 words)

Provide a summary of your background, discussion, and recommendations around how biosecurity investments can contribute to a more equitable society while also meaningfully reducing biological risks.

Appendix

- List of experts consulted for the paper.
- Abbreviations used in the submission text may be explained here.
- If analysis was performed using a program (e.g., R studio, SAS, STATA, SPSS, etc.), please include annotated code and relevant output.
- If additional coding of primary/secondary sources was performed, please include a codebook here.

References

Please submit all references in Chicago Manual of Style (17th Edition) format using endnotes. As needed, use this resource for citation assistance.

Figures and Tables

If you included figures within your paper, please ensure that they are properly cited in the text.

Resumes

• Resumes for each team member (3 in total) should be combined into a SINGLE document. Each resume should be TWO PAGES maximum.