To promote policy-relevant research by emerging scholars, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) is running the 2020 National Essay Challenge for **graduate students** in Canadian universities.

## **Requirements:**

- You must be a graduate student enrolled at a Canadian university for the 2019 to 2020 academic year.
- Your essay must be an empirical research paper, using qualitative or quantitative methodologies.
- The essay cannot be co-authored and you **must** have the support of a professor.

## Selected students will receive

- an IRCC certificate of achievement
- an invitation to present their essay in Ottawa at an IRCC Research Matters event (with travel paid)
- a sum of \$500 going toward participating in an academic conference

## How do I enter?

- First, send an email to **IRCC.NEC-CNE.IRCC@cic.gc.ca** to access the 2020 National Essay Challenge group on GCcollab, where you will find information about the Challenge requirements.
- Once you are a member of the 2020 National Essay Challenge GCcollab group, you will need to submit your expression of interest by **January 6, 2020**.
- If you are planning to access Statistics Canada's Research Data Centres, you will need to have submitted your application by November 6, 2019.





