## Travel Award to the 24th World Congress of Psychiatry

## 2024 WPA Medical Student Essay Competition
### on the theme of

### *Improving Mental Health in the Global World Using the United Nations 17 Sustainable Development Goals*

**The WPA announces its 2024 Medical Student Essay Competition,
a WPA Presidential initiative with the support of
the United Nations Secretariat – Department of Economic and Social Affairs,
Division for Sustainable Development Goals**

**Theme:**
Improving Mental Health in the Global World Using the United Nations 17 Sustainable Development Goals

**Eligibility:**
The WPA invites medical students from around the world to write and submit an essay of up to 3000 words on this year's theme.

**Prizes:**
The Winner will receive a Travel Award that covers his/her costs of travel and accommodation for the 24th World Congress of Psychiatry in Mexico City (14-17 Nov), and his/her Congress registration fee will be waived. The Winner will be acknowledged at the 24th WCP, and his/her winning essay will be translated into all six WHO official languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, or Spanish). All Finalists will be announced on the WPA website, accompanied by the full text of their essays.

**Judging Panel:**
The judging panel will comprise distinguished psychiatrists from around the world.

**Judging Criteria:**
Essays will be scored on their originality and clarity/accessibility, as well as on the author's evident synthesis of complex information, good academic practice (referencing), clear evidence-based conclusions, and good research integrity.

**Deadline and Schedule:**

All submissions must made via the online submission portal before midnight on 15 May, 2024. We cannot accept any entries received after this date. The Winner will be announced by 30 July, 2024.

**Please pay attention to the requirements below. Failure to comply with these requirements will lead to disqualification from the competition.**

**Essay Submission Requirements:**

1. Entry to the Essay Competition is FREE.
2. Entrants must be currently enrolled in an accredited medical school, and proof of enrollment must be submitted with the essay (e.g. Medical School ID).
3. A link to the online submission portal can be found at:
   https://www.wpanet.org/medical-students-essay-comp-24
4. The deadline for submission is 23:59 GMT on 15 May, 2024.

**Essay Formatting Requirements:**

1. Entries must be typed in Microsoft Word in English.
2. Essays must be the entrant's own original work and must not have been published previously either in print or online.
3. Essays that use AI (e.g. Chat GPT) will be disqualified.
4. Essays must be 3000 words or less, excluding references.
5. Essays are allowed a maximum of 10 references, which must be in Vancouver format.
6. The essay file name should include the entrant's name, country, and essay title. However, the entrant's name and country should NOT be found anywhere in the document itself.
7. The essay title should be formatted as follows:
   - Title font style – Arial
   - Title font size & format – 12, Bold, Not Underlined
8. The essay title should be included as a header on all pages of the essay.
9. The essay body text should be formatted as follows:
   - Body font style – Arial
   - Body font size & format – 12, Regular, Not Bold, Not Underlined
   - Line spacing – Double-spaced