The Women in Public Service Project
2017 Student Research Competition

The Women in Public Service Project (WPSP) Student Research Competition is an annual competition open to students of WPSP partner colleges and universities who have conducted research in the field of women’s leadership or political participation. This annual event aligns with the WPSP’s goal of equipping and promoting the next generation of female leaders. The students are invited to the Wilson Center to present their research, engage with scholars, and network with a vast array of DC-based governmental and non-governmental organizations. Last year’s winner presented their findings on topics ranging from women’s military history to the African Union’s involvement in Burundi.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

All currently enrolled students of WPSP partner schools are eligible to apply.¹ Paper submissions will be reviewed by the WPSP staff based on a rubric of originality, depth of research, and the paper’s contribution to the existing body of knowledge on women’s leadership. Paper topics may include a diversity of subjects but must relate to the topic of women’s leadership or women’s political participation. Paper submissions must be a minimum of 1,000 words, be properly cited and contain a bibliography.

Submission and Deadlines

The deadline for submissions is February 20, 2017 by 5:00pm EST. Applicants will be notified of decisions by February 27, 2017. Please send papers and a completed submission form to wpsp@wilsoncenter.org. For more information, please visit our website at 50x50movement.org or contact us at wpsp@wilsoncenter.org

Award Day

The winners of the 2017 WPSP Student Research Competition will be invited to the Wilson Center on Thursday, April 13, 2017 for meetings with WPSP Director Gwen K. Young and a number of other speakers including Wilson Center Fellows and representatives from DC-based governmental and non-governmental agencies. The invited representatives will meet with student winners to discuss their organizations, careers in their field, and/or other topics that students are interested in. Students will also be invited to attend Wilson Center events being held that day. Travel, food and accommodation costs will be paid for by the Wilson Center.

About The Women in Public Service Project

The Women in Public Service Project (WPSP) was founded in 2011 by Secretary Hillary Clinton, the State Department and the Seven Sisters colleges. WPSP is the flagship program of the Global Women’s Leadership Initiative at the Wilson Center and aims to ensure that 50 percent of public service positions are held by women by 2050. The WPSP works with top-tier women’s colleges from the US and institutions around the world to build an evidence base and a network of stakeholders that will allow women to assume positions as public leaders across the globe. The WPSP works with an international network of established women scholars, activists, and public servants who have led change in their communities and countries.

¹ Eligible partner schools include Bryn Mawr College, Mount Holyoke College, Mount Saint Mary’s University, Simmons College, Smith College, and Wellesley College
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**Submission Form**

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