



The Office of the President, in collaboration with
the Ministry of Tertiary Education, Science and Research

NATIONAL ESSAY COMPETITION 2026

Open to Mauritian students in any higher education institution in Mauritius

Theme: Unity, Inclusion, and Innovation: Pillars for the Next Phase of Nationhood of Mauritius.

Rules for Participation

- Word limit 2500 words
- Essays are to be submitted in English language
- Font: Times New Roman, Size: 12 pt, Line spacing: 1.5
- All submissions are to be made electronically to both registry.tertiary@govmu.org and mrnational.competition@gmail.com

Deadline for submission : 20 April 2026

Evaluation Criteria

- Personal reflection,
- originality,
- depth of thought,
- relevance to the theme,
- structure, and
- writing quality.
- For shortlisted essays, candidates will be expected to make a short presentation (7 mins) along with Q&A (3 mins) from the panel

Prizes

- Prizes and certificates will be offered to winners.
- Certificates of Participation for shortlisted entries and all participating educational institutions from the Office of the President.
- A special prize will be offered to the best speaker.

Use of Generative AI is strictly prohibited and will lead to rejection of the submission

All entries will become the joint property of the Office of the President and of the Ministry of Tertiary Education, Science and Research and may be used for educational purposes.



Winners of the

1st Edition of the National Essay Competition 2025