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# RESPONSIBLE SCIENCE

**TOPIC: Responsible conduct in the life sciences, the importance of safety and security as well as the role for international collaboration**

## for graduate and undergraduate students

# Young Scientist Essay Contest

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Whilst advances in the life sciences bring incredible promise, they also carry with them potential risks. International efforts continue to find ways to ensure that the life sciences are used solely for our collective benefit. The Biological Weapons Convention, as the world's premier global forum to prevent the use of the life sciences to cause deliberate harm, will meet in December to consider the next steps. What role should the scientific community play in this process?

## Submit an 800 word original essay by 1 November to take part

Entries should be submitted before 1 November 2011 in Word or PDF format to: **bwc@unog.ch**. By submitting you are agreeing to attend the BWC review conference. All essays must include title, author's full name, programme of study, degree enrolled in, name of institution and contact details. The organizers reserve the right to disqualify any entry judged as non-original or longer than 800 words and to use any entry for promotional purposes. The organizers are not responsible for any possible difficulties in submission. Only the winner will be notified of results.

**The winner will receive a glass microbe sculpture from renowned artist Luke Jerram (www.lukejerram.com/glass). The author of the winning entry will also be invited on an all expenses paid trip* to Geneva, Switzerland, to read their essay to the Seventh Review Conference of the Biological Weapons Convention on 5 December.**

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