NYU UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GLOBAL URBAN SHOWCASE

The NYU Office of Global Programs and the NYU Urban Initiative are pleased to announce the first annual NYU Global Urban Showcase for NYU undergraduate students.

Cities today are more important than ever. For the first time in history, a majority of the world’s population resides in cities. Cities shine a light on some of our greatest riches—arts and culture, innovation, diversity—and also on some of our greatest challenges—equity and social justice, environmental sustainability, and others.

New York University is urban in its very core. Our foundation is knowledge and experiences gained in cities—New York City, Shanghai, Abu Dhabi, and the cities across the world that are part of NYU’s global university. Students and faculty from across departments, schools, and disciplines are working together to extend this knowledge, and to foster new learning and research about cities and urban issues.

The NYU Global Urban Showcase celebrates the best scholarly and creative work tied to cities and urban issues created by undergraduate students from across NYU. The Showcase highlights this work and draws attention to the myriad creative and positive ways that NYU students are thinking about urban issues and the cities of the future.

The Showcase will include up to three winners (individuals or teams) for best long paper or project, short paper or project, and creative work.

SUBMISSIONS

Who may participate: All matriculated NYU undergraduate students who are earning their degrees from any of NYU’s campuses in New York City, Abu Dhabi, or Shanghai.

Students may submit any work completed as part of their NYU studies, regardless of location while conducting the work (at a different campus, a study away site, or working remotely) as follows:

- Types of work:
  - Long papers or projects, including capstones and theses (20 pages or more, double spaced, or for non-paper projects, significant work of an equivalent nature)
  - Short papers or projects: Research papers and reports, fiction/creative writing (less than 20 pages, or for non-paper projects, shorter work of an equivalent nature)
  - Creative work: Art, music, and other creative work that is submitted by link to video or other electronic format

- Final work should be produced between June 1, 2020 and May 31, 2021. (Work that was finalized before June 1 2020 may not be considered. Students may submit work that was begun earlier if it has been significantly revised since June 1 2020.)
- Work may include individual or team projects
- Work should be the students’ own; any involvement by a faculty member should be as an advisor or instructor only. Work co-authored or co-created with non-NYU students may not be considered.
Work should have a focus on cities and urban issues as a defining characteristic. The definition of “urban” is intentionally flexible, but in general, this means work that is
- Focused on the city: its people, history, built and natural environments, and/or systems (government, services, institutions, economies, laws and policies, etc.); OR
- Focused on art and/or cultures in relationship with the city; OR
- Focused on issues that face urban populations understood in the context of the city (equity, social justice, environmental issues, education, health and well-being, etc.)
Work should not merely look at issues or groups that are located in cities, but should be consciously connected to and understood in the context of the specific city or cities in focus.

**TIMELINE**

A call for submissions will be issued in February. Students will be invited to participate in a discussion of their work as part of NYU Urban Research Week the first week of March 2021 (no submission is due at that time). All submissions (pdfs or links to completed work) will be due by late April, 2021.

Stay tuned for more details on submission categories and instructions on the NYU Urban Initiative website: [https://www.nyu.edu/about/leadership-university-administration/office-of-the-president/office-of-the-provost/current-priorities.html#urban](https://www.nyu.edu/about/leadership-university-administration/office-of-the-president/office-of-the-provost/current-priorities.html#urban)