



Rhodes Academy-ICPC Submarine Cables Writing Award for 2026

Paper Requirements

Papers should be suitable for publication in a scholarly international law journal and must consist of 7,500 – 10,000 words (excluding footnotes). **Papers submitted in prior years will not be considered.**

Deadline and Procedure

Interested candidates should send an abstract (no more than 300 words), a short biography and a paper to the Centre for International Law ("CIL") at the National University of Singapore, which administers the competition on behalf of ICPC and the Rhodes Academy, at chaudo@nus.edu.sg by **Monday 4 May 2026**.

Selection Jury

Papers will be reviewed anonymously by a Jury consisting of three members designated by the Rhodes Academy and one by the ICPC. The Jury will announce any award by **Thursday 21 May 2026**.

Resources

For background information on submarine cables, see:

- UNEP-WCMC-ICPC Report: Submarine cables and the oceans: connecting the world, <https://www.unep-wcmc.org/resources-and-data/submarine-cables-and-the-oceans--connecting-the-world>.
- CIL's Research Project on Submarine Cables, <https://cil.nus.edu.sg/research/ocean-law-policy/>
- *Submarine Cables: the Handbook of Law and Policy*, edited by D Burnett, R Beckman and T Davenport.

ABOUT THE AWARD

Each year, the International Cable Protection Committee ("ICPC") sponsors the Rhodes Academy Submarine Cables Writing Award for a deserving paper on issues relating to submarine cables and their relationship with the law of the sea.

Suggested topics include (but are not limited to) the protection of submarine cables from other human and natural risks (e.g., fishing, anchoring, seabed mining, and climate change), coastal state jurisdiction over submarine cables, environmental regulation of submarine cables (whether within or beyond national jurisdiction), submarine cable security, issues specific to submarine power cables, and the nature and sufficiency of existing treaties and national legislation pertaining to submarine cables.

The candidate who produces the best paper will be awarded EITHER:

- Guaranteed admission and a full scholarship (covering the attendance fee, travel expenses, & shared hotel room) to the 2024 Rhodes Academy, which will take place June 28-July 17, 2026 at Rhodes, Greece; **OR**
- For a graduate of the Rhodes Academy Graduate from a prior year, a cash award of GBP 4,500.

The winner will also receive an invitation to present the winning paper at the next ICPC annual plenary meeting (with travel reimbursement). This year ICPC annual plenary meeting will take place from 14 April to 16 April 2026 in Athens, Greece.

ELIGIBILITY

The Rhodes Academy Submarine Cables Writing Award is open to:

- Any person aspiring to attend the Rhodes Academy (the candidate must meet the admissions requirements); **OR**
- A Rhodes Academy Graduate from a prior year.

For more information:

- Rhodes Academy: <https://marine.unh.edu/academics/rhodes-academy>
- ICPC: www.iscpc.org
- CIL: <https://cil.nus.edu.sg/publication/rhodes-academy-icpc-submarine-cables-writing-award/>