



Arab Reform Initiative

, 17 February 2021

# Student Essay Contest 2021: Call for Submissions

The graphic features a background image of a desert landscape with a blue stream flowing through it. A large red semi-circle is on the left, and a white semi-circle is on the right. The text is overlaid on these shapes.

**AR** Arab Reform Initiative

**Deadline**  
15 May 2021

*Call for submissions*  
**Student Essay Contest**  
How can activists best  
advance environmental  
reforms in MENA?

*Length of paper*  
1500 words

For more info, visit our "Student Prize" page



## ***How can activists best advance environmental reforms in MENA?***

Environmental activism is on the rise in the MENA region, as the effects of ecological challenges on public health and livelihoods continue to mount. Yet relative to other regions of the world, and to other issues in the region, mobilization around environmental issues continues to take a back seat. Focusing on one country case, or on a specific environmental issue of critical importance within a MENA country, how can activists best advance environmental reforms in MENA?

In a policy op-ed of approximately 1,500 words, lay out your argument for how activists can best advance environmental reforms on the issue or the country that you have identified. Please refer to the style guidelines to write a strong submission.

**For full details, including the style guidelines, please visit our [Student Prize page](#).**



## About Arab Reform Initiative

The Arab Reform Initiative is the leading independent Arab think tank working with expert partners in the Middle East and North Africa and beyond to articulate a home-grown agenda for democratic change. It conducts research and policy analysis and provides a platform for inspirational voices based on the principles of diversity, impartiality and social justice.

- We produce original research informed by local experiences and partner with institutions to achieve impact across the Arab world and globally
- We empower individuals and institutions to develop their own concept of policy solutions
- We mobilize stakeholders to build coalitions for positive change

Our aim is to see vibrant democratic societies emerge and grow in the region.

Founded in 2005, the Arab Reform Initiative is governed by a Plenary of its members and an Executive Committee.

[arab-reform.net](http://arab-reform.net)

[contact@arab-reform.net](mailto:contact@arab-reform.net)



© 2021 by the Arab Reform Initiative.  
To view a copy of this licence, [click here](#)