



Army Mad Scientist Operational Environment Wicked Problems Writing Contest Submissions due **16 May 2024**



During the past decade, conflicts around the globe have shaped our understanding of the 21st Century battlespace. The convergence of battlefield transparency, autonomous systems, and massed and precision fires have resulted in an increasingly lethal Operational Environment (OE). Inexpensive, expendable, man-portable precision munitions in the hands of dismounted infantry are attriting exquisite, expensive, and finite combat systems — main battle tanks, capital warships, and strategic bombers — once the “gold-standard” of global military strength and dominance.

Army Mad Scientist is hosting a writing contest to explore this aspect of the OE.

ALL WRITING CONTEST SUBMISSIONS SHOULD ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:

How have innovations in asymmetric warfare impacted modern large scale and other combat operations, and what further evolutions could take place, both within the next 10 years and on towards mid-century?

CONTEST RULES:

- All entries due by 11:59 pm Eastern on May 16, 2024 at: madscitradoc@gmail.com
- Three types of contest submission:
 - 1500-word Non-Fiction Essay
 - 1500-word Fictional Intelligence ([FICINT](#)) Story
 - Hybrid 1500-word submission incorporating a short FICINT vignette, with a Non-Fiction Essay expounding on the threat capabilities described in the vignette
- Anyone can participate (Soldiers, Government Civilians, and all global citizens) -- Multiple submissions are encouraged!
- Contest Winner will be proclaimed an official Mad Scientist and published at the *Mad Scientist Laboratory* -- semi-finalists of merit may also be published
- Looking for additional ideas? Explore the [Mad Scientist Laboratory](#)
- Questions? Email us at: madscitradoc@gmail.com

POINTS TO CONSIDER:

[“Once More unto The Breach Dear Friends”: From English Longbows to Azerbaijani Drones, Army Modernization STILL Means More than Materiel](#)

[Learning from LSCO: Applying Lessons to Irregular Conflict](#)

[Through Soldiers’ Eyes: The Future of Ground Combat](#) and its associated [podcast](#)

[The Operational Environment’s Increased Lethality](#)

[Unmanned Capabilities in Today’s Battlespace](#)

[Rapid Adaptation](#)

[Strategic Latency Unleashed!](#), [Going on the Offensive in the Fight for the Future](#), and associated [podcast](#)