



THE 15TH KOREA- AMERICA STUDENT CONFERENCE



APPLICANT GUIDE

KASC 15 THEME:

“Multifaceted Identities: Discovering Self Through Technology, Community, and Society to Create Sustainable Legacies”

About the Conference

"A three week virtual academic, cultural interchange and professional networking program"

DATES

July 18th-Aug 4th

FORMAT

All virtual

WHO

15 Korean and 15 American Student Delegates

PURPOSE

To promote peace by furthering mutual understanding, friendship, and trust through international student interchange

HOW TO APPLY

Fill out the application form on our website and submit it, to be considered for the 15th Korea-America Student Conference.



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ABOUT KOREA-AMERICA STUDENT CONFERENCE

The 15th Korea-America Student Conference (KASC) is a student-led, academic and cultural exchange program launched in 2008 to build closer ties between young leaders in both countries. Each year, an equal number of students from the US and South Korea are competitively selected to spend one summer month together, studying and analyzing US-South Korea relations while visiting four diverse regions in the host countries. Celebrating its 10th anniversary, KASC began visiting both countries starting in 2018.

KASC is relatively new, but the bilateral relationship runs deep. By exploring this relationship on multiple levels (politics, economics, culture, media, and more), students will gain knowledge and confidence to discuss, debate, and co-create bilateral and international relations.

A unique feature of KASC is that an Executive Committee of students organize each Conference, working together across the Pacific throughout the academic year. They also host Roundtables during the Conference, discussing critical issues outside the traditional classroom setting with other students from across the globe.

These experiences provide a foundation for cultural sensitivity and global awareness -- and a forum for the open exchange of ideas. More importantly, the intense experience of living and working together encourages mutual appreciation among delegates, promoting lasting friendships that will further strengthen ties between the US and Korea.

The KASC 15 will be held in the summer of 2022. It will continue mutual cultural exchanges, growth of next-generation global leaders, and professional networking.

ABOUT INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CONFERENCES, INC.

International Student Conferences, Inc. (ISC) is a non-profit organization located in Washington, DC. It facilitates three academic and cultural exchange programs organized by university students: the Japan-America Student Conference (JASC) launched in 1934 and the Korea-America Student Conference (KASC) launched in 2008. In 2012, it launched the US-Japan-Korea Trilateral Forum, a week-long program for its JASC/KASC Executive Committee Members, and the China-America Student Conference (ChASC) launched in 2020.

ISC programs provide an intensive, month-long experience in which equal numbers of students from the U.S. and partner country live, travel, work, and study together in a conference-like setting. What makes ISC programs unique is that, ever since its founding in 1934, ISC conferences are entirely planned and administered by the students themselves. The students host roundtables, field trips, seminars, and distinguished speakers, working toward the goals of better understanding each other, forming friendships, gaining trust, and fostering international peace during their lifetimes. Every ISC gathering is characterized by full and frank discussions, undertaken with a spirit of understanding each other's point of view.

Each conference invites students with diverse backgrounds from each of the two countries to spend an intense month living, traveling, and studying together. These delegates will collaborate with leaders in business, academia, and government on contemporary social, economic, and political issues that face both of their countries and the world as a whole.

Each conference is managed by Executive Committee members (students who were elected by their peers from the previous conference) from both countries who work in collaboration with ISC, Inc. in Washington, DC. JASC also works in partnership with the International Education Center in Tokyo.



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Virtual Orientation

This conference consists of two parts: a one-week Virtual Orientation that will be held in the beginning of July 2022 and the three-week Virtual Conference portion which will take place from July 11 to July 14, 2022. The program will run for two or three hours a day.

During the Virtual Orientation, delegates will meet over Zoom and participate in exciting cultural activities to get to know each other and the KASC 15 Executive Committee! This includes group bonding activities, meetings with round table groups, and hearing from influential guest speakers.





PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Virtual Conference

The Virtual Conference will last 3-4 hours each day and delegates will participate in seminars, roundtable discussions, virtual tours and various activities to increase intercultural understanding. Over the course of three weeks, delegates will have the unique opportunity to engage in academic, cultural, and professional exchange with professionals, scholars, and experts from both the ROK and the US.

Throughout the conference, delegates are to discuss, explore, and collaborate on several pressing bilateral and global topics with specific relevance to both the US and ROK. Delegates will then present their joint solutions to a panel of experts and the general public at the conclusion of the conference during the Final Forum.





KASC 15 ROUNDTABLE



An indispensable component of all KASC gatherings are the Roundtables, or RTs. During the Conference, delegates conduct original, peer-reviewed research in tightly-knit academic cohorts. Each RT is made up of an equal number of Korean and American delegates to ensure a balanced exchange of cultural perspectives. Through these intensive discussions on sensitive subjects, participants gain a more nuanced understanding of their international counterparts and actively develop real world policy solutions in the context of the U.S.-ROK relationship.

Roundtable Topics for the 15th KASC include:

- SOCIETY / SOCIAL JUSTICE
- NATURE / ENVIRONMENT
- TECHNOLOGY / SOCIAL MEDIA
- HISTORY



Application & Eligibility

APPLICATION

1. Fill out the application

<https://form.jotform.com/213077546748061> (For US applicant)

<https://www.jotform.com/build/213077723564054> (For Korean applicant)

*To learn about the Recruitment Schedule, please visit <http://iscdc.org/kasc/info/>

2. Upload required documents (University Transcript & Resume)

3. Upload optional documents (ex. Letters of Recommendation, etc.)

4. Submit the \$20 application fee via PayPal

You will be notified by the Executive Committee via email if you have been selected for a video interview within two weeks, and a final decision will arrive within two weeks from then

If you have any questions while completing your application, please email at kasc@iscdc.org

ELIGIBILITY

All full-time undergraduate and graduate students studying in the United States and/or Republic of Korea are eligible to apply for the 15th KASC.

KASC welcomes applications from students of all academic majors to foster a deeper, interdisciplinary exchange. As the official language of the conference is English, no prior experience in Korean language or Korean Studies is required.





FAQs

This section covers some of the most relevant information for potential applicants and accepted Delegates. For additional questions, please visit <https://iscdc.org/faq/>

- **Does ISC or KASC provide any financial aid?**

Through the Plant a Diplomatic “Tree” Scholarship Fund, ISC will provide one scholarship for each of ISC’s 2022 Conferences. For a list of potential scholarships, please refer to the page <https://iscdc.org/scholarships/>

- **What is the participation fee, and what does it cover?**

KASC (all Delegates): \$550

This fee covers Online Virtual Programming.

- **Can I apply to KASC if I am not fluent in Korean?**

Yes. The official Conference language is English.





FAQs(cont.)

- What impact does Covid-19 have on KASC?

We are committed first and foremost to the health and safety of all students and therefore will adapt with the circumstances in the U.S. and Korea as program planning continues. Executive committee members are currently planning events and activities with COVID-19 and appropriate safety measures in mind.

Your patience is appreciated in the event that it becomes unsafe to travel to any of the scheduled programs. Please consider that we are committed to providing a worthwhile student experience even if the logistics of the conference may change.





CONTACT

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