



China-America Student Conference

2020
Applicant Guide





About the Conference



A two-week academic, cultural interchange and professional networking program

Dates

December 27 -30, 2020 & January 3-7, 2021

Virtual Platform

Conducted on Zoom

Who

Up to 18 Chinese and 18 American student Delegates

Purpose

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

How to Apply

Complete your application ([*linked here*](#)) by December 6th, 2020 to be considered for the inaugural China-America Student Conference!



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ABOUT ChASC

The China-America Student Conference (ChASC) is a 2 week academic and cultural interchange program that brings together an equal number of students representing the United States of America and China for off-the-record discussions of the future of the bilateral relationship.

The program is **student-run** and **student-led**, allowing for full and frank conversations to occur between emerging young leaders from both countries. Over the course of this intensive and immersive exercise in people-to-people diplomacy, participants will form powerful friendships that will go on to serve as bridges across the Pacific for generations to come.

Inspired by and continuing the 86-yearlong legacy of the Japan-America Student Conference's 1934 founders, ChASC will seek to promote friendship, trust, and mutual understanding through international student interchange.

By empowering and inspiring the next generation of US-Asia leaders to value cooperation and dialogue, ChASC aims to instill in participants a lifelong dedication to the pursuit of peace, openness, and regional stability.

The inaugural ChASC will continue its virtual programming in two parts from December 27, 2020 to December 30, 2020 and January 3, 2021 to January 7, 2021. Students will participate in academic discussions and social events with a group of approximately 36 students, the Executive Committee, International Student Conferences Inc. (ISC), alumni, and guest speakers on special topics. The conference will be entirely virtual, with a participation fee of \$500. All accepted Delegates will be given automatic admission into the in-person ChASC 2 in summer 2022.



ABOUT ISC

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International Student Conferences, Inc. (ISC) is a non-profit organization incorporated in Washington, DC. It facilitates three academic and cultural interchange programs organized by university students in the U.S., Japan, and Korea: the China-America Student Conference (ChASC), the Korea-America Student Conference (KASC) and the Japan-America Student Conference (JASC). Beginning in 1934, JASC is the first and oldest exchange between the two countries that is conceived and carried out by university students. Patterned after the JASC model of a student-run Conference, the first KASC launched in 2008 and the first ChASC will launch Winter 2020.

ISC programs provide an intensive, up-to one-month experience in which equal numbers of students from the U.S. and a partner country live, gather, 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. This ensures its vitality and ongoing relevance among today's promising youth upon whom the world depends tomorrow. The students host discussion groups, 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.



ChASC PROGRAMMING

Planning for additional activities are currently underway. To give you a sense of what to expect, please review the examples below

Winter 2020, Virtual Meetings

Accepted Delegates will meet online with the Executive Committee from December 27, 2020 to December 30, 2020 and January 3, 2021 to January 7, 2021.

Planned topics and activities include diplomacy, media, the impact of COVID-19, professional development, etc.

Examples include: discussions with representatives from the U.S. Department of State, WhatsApp, Google, and Chinese scholars and journalists. There will also be opportunities to meet with the Delegations and alumni of the Japan-America Student Conference and Korea-America Student Conference through other ISC programming.



ELIGIBILITY

College/university students and recent graduates from all academic majors and certificate/degree programs are encouraged to apply for this one-of-a-kind gathering dedicated to learning beyond the classroom and partaking in meaningful dialogue with their international counterparts.

Applicants must either:

- be enrolled in an university and be in good academic standing with their institution at the time of application or
- have graduated within the last two years.

No Chinese language proficiency is required as the official language of the Conference is English. Those interested in serving as a member of the Chinese delegation should be comfortable actively contributing to scholarly discussions conducted entirely in English



APPLICATION

Apply by December 6 by visiting <http://form.jotform.com/iscdc/chasc1>

The application includes:

- Name and Contact Information
- University Transcript(s) (*official or unofficial*)
- Resume
- Optional Documents (*ex. Letters of Recommendation, etc.*)

The application also includes two short responses:

- Why are you interested in the 1st China-America Student Conference? (*200 words max.*)
- What topics are you most interested in discussing during the Conference? And what topics do you think are the most important to discuss *during* the Conference and why? (*400 words maximum*)

Once you submit your application:

- Please add info@iscdc.org to your contact list
- You will receive an email from info@iscdc.org once your application has been received (*within one business day*)
- You will hear from the 1st ChASC Executive Committee within 2 weeks about whether you have been selected for a 15-minute interview

Should you have any questions, please email ChASC Executive Committee Member Lister Chen at chascl.chen@gmail.com



FAQs

This section covers some of the most relevant information for potential applicants and accepted Delegates. For additional questions, please visit <http://iscdc.org/faq/#2>

Does ISC or ChASC provide any financial aid?

While ISC does provide guidance and fundraising advice to students, ISC does not directly provide any scholarships at this time. For a list of potential scholarships, please visit <http://iscdc.org/scholarships/>

What impact has COVID-19 had on ChASC?

The original Conference locations, dates, and application deadline have changed as a result of the pandemic, and new virtual meetings in the fall and winter of 2020 have been planned.

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.

We look forward to the next in-person conference. All ChASC 1 Delegates will be automatically accepted to participate in ChASC 2 during the summer of 2022.



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How are Executive Committee Members Selected?

EC elections will occur at the end of each Conference, during which any of the American and Chinese delegates can choose to nominate themselves to run for one EC position and be elected by their peers.



CONTACT



To stay up-to-date please visit our Facebook Page:
<http://www.facebook.com/chasc2020>



For additional information or questions, please contact ChASC's student-led Executive Committee at chasc@iscdc.org or ISC at info@iscdc.org



To learn more about ChASC and ISC, please visit our website at www.iscdc.org

