



China-America Student Conference

2022
Applicant Guide





About the Conference

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

Dates

Virtual Pre Conference: May - July 2022

Hybrid (In Person & Virtual): July 29-August 9, 2022

Locations

San Francisco, California; and Virtual

Who

Up to 15 Chinese & 15 American College 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 May 29, 2022 to be considered for the Second China-America Student Conference!

I'm overwhelmed with gratitude for this network of talented peers seeking to improve the future of bilateral relations. I'm more grateful for this new circle of friends who share vulnerably, listen compassionately, and love beyond borders.

I'm excited to share this life-changing experience with the Delegates of ChASC 2!

~ Raven Witherspoon, 2nd ChASC Executive Committee Member





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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 on 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 88-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 second ChASC will take place from July 29 - August 9, 2022. Students will live, travel, and participate in academic discussions with a group of approximately 30 students. Leading up to the in-person Conference, accepted Delegates will participate in virtual meetings with the Executive Committee, International Student Conferences, Inc. (ISC) alumni, and guest speakers on special topics. These meetings allow accepted Delegates to begin discussing relevant topics and get to know each other before the conference begins. The in-person Conference will be held in the San Francisco, with an all-inclusive participation fee of \$2,000 for in-person participants and \$500 for virtual participants.



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 launched 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. More information will be provided in real-time.

Summer Virtual Meetings

Accepted Delegates will meet on Zoom with the Executive Committee from May to July 2022. ChASC 1 Virtual Meetings included discussions with Ambassador Kurt Tong, former Consul General to Hong Kong and Macau; Diplomats from Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the United States; and entrepreneurs.

San Francisco, California & Hybrid Virtual Meetings

Delegates will meet in San Francisco on July 29 for the beginning of the Conference and remain there until August 9. Examples of planned activities include a trip to Silicon Valley to meet and discuss with representatives from Twitter on topics related to global communications and technology. Other plans include exploring the city, fellowship activities, group discussions on various topics related to the Delegates' interests, and connecting with media leaders. With a hybrid approach, there will also be plenty of opportunities for virtual delegates to meet, discuss, and learn from each other on in-depth topics. Virtual delegates will participate in four hours of online content daily, including guest speakers, bonding activities, academic round tables, and more!



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

Applicants interested in becoming a member of the Chinese Delegation for the in-person conference must already have a valid U.S. student visa or other residency status in the United States.

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

Application Links: <https://chasc.carrd.co/#applications>

Rolling Admissions Deadline: May 29, 2022

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 2nd China-America Student Conference? (*150 - 250 words*)
- 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? (*300-500 words*)

Once you submit your application:

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

Should you have any questions, please email the ChASC Executive Committee Member at chasc@iscdc.org.



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?

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 click [here](#).

When should I purchase my one-way flights to and from San Francisco to my final destination?

You may purchase your flights as soon as you are accepted as a Delegate. Due COVID-19, ChASC strongly recommends that accepted Delegates purchase refundable tickets in the event that government recommendations discourage domestic travel to these areas at the time of the Conference.

What if I can only participate in the Virtual portion of ChASC 2?

While we’d love to meet all of our delegates in San Francisco, we understand that circumstances may require some delegates to join online only. Virtual delegates will still be able to participate in conference activities which will include four hours of online content daily, including guest speakers, bonding activities, academic round tables, and more! Virtual participants will pay a reduced conference fee of \$500.



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What is the impact of COVID-19 on the 2nd ChASC?

International Student Conferences, Inc. (ISC), and 2nd ChASC Executive Committee Members are monitoring the coronavirus situation closely and will continue to do so over the coming months. At this time, the 2nd ChASC will be moving forward as planned until further notice. However, ChASC has included a virtual component for delegates who are unable to travel.

Please note that ChASC and ISC are committed first and foremost to the health and safety of all students and therefore will adapt with the circumstances in San Francisco as program planning continues.

Your patience is appreciated. Please consider that we are committed to providing a worthwhile student experience even if the logistics of the conference may change.

What health and safety measures will be observed during the Conference?

This is the top priority of ISC and the ChASC Executive Committee. ChASC will follow all federal, state, and city guidelines related to our programming at all sites during the conference. This means that social distancing, daily temperature checks and other CDC recommendations will be closely monitored during planning and at the time of the Conference. In addition, at least one Executive Committee member will be designated as a health coordinator with proper equipment and protocol in the event that coronavirus testing, isolation, or treatment become necessary.



CONTACT



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For additional information or questions, please
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