



LOS ANGELES  
KYOTO  
AOMORI  
FUKUSHIMA  
TOKYO

# THE 73RD JAPAN- AMERICA STUDENT CONFERENCE

APPLICANT GUIDE

# ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

*A three-week academic, cultural interchange  
and professional networking program*

## DATES

July 28 - August 20, 2021

## LOCATIONS

Los Angeles, Kyoto, Aomori, Fukushima, Tokyo

## WHO

72 Japanese and American College Students

## PURPOSE

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

## HOW TO APPLY

Submit your application at [www.jotform.com/jasc73/apply](http://www.jotform.com/jasc73/apply)  
by December 11, 2020 to be considered for  
the 73rd Japan-America Student Conference



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## ABOUT INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CONFERENCES, INC.

### ABOUT JAPAN-AMERICA STUDENT CONFERENCE

Founded in 1934, the Japan-America Student Conference (JASC) is the first and continuing exchange program between the two countries. Student-led and student-run, the 1934 Conference was initiated by university students concerned by the breakdown of bilateral relations prior to the Second World War. While the U.S.-Japan relationship has evolved dramatically since the Conference's founding 86 years ago, its mission has remained unchanged: to foster peace through people-to-people diplomacy and empower the next generation of U.S.-Asia leaders. Today, an equal number of students from the U.S. and Japan are competitively selected each year to spend up-to one summer month together, studying and analyzing Japan-U.S. relations while visiting four diverse regions in the host country. JASC alternates its host country every year, emphasizing the personal connections between two distinct cultures gathered together in one place.

Celebrating its 73rd Conference in Summer 2021, JASC continues to empower the next generation of leaders from both countries and has an extensive network of alumni in all industries and across the world.

International Student Conferences, Inc. (ISC) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization headquartered in Washington, D.C. whose mission is to promote peace by furthering mutual understanding, friendship, and trust through international student interchange.

Through its four flagship programs: the Japan-America Student Conference (JASC), the Korea-America Student Conference (KASC), the China-America Student Conference (ChASC), and the U.S.-Japan-Korea Trilateral Forum; ISC aims to instill in the next generation of U.S.-Asia leaders a lifelong dedication to dialogue, diplomacy, and cooperation that is firmly rooted in genuine trust and mutual understanding. Accepted participants enter our programs as eager Delegates interested in U.S.-Asia relations and emerge as dedicated Ambassadors well-equipped with the professional and interpersonal skills needed to serve as a bridge between the two countries. We believe the intensity and accountability required of student-run Conferences empower young leaders to take joint action in addressing global problems, despite national and cultural differences. Moreover, the cross-cultural bonds created during the Conferences are genuine and lasting. As participants enter into leadership roles within their countries and their local communities, the lessons, experiences, and relationships imparted by our programs stand to not only further global cooperation but contribute to a more peaceful world.

### NOTABLE JASC ALUMNI



**1939, 1940**  
Kiichi Miyazawa  
Former Prime  
Minister of Japan



**1951**  
Henry A. Kissinger  
Former U.S.  
Secretary of State



**1978, 1979**  
Kumiko  
Makihara  
Author,  
Journalist



**2004**  
Sarah LaFleur  
Founder and  
CEO of M.M.  
LaFleur

# PROGRAM OVERVIEW

## American Orientation

Delegates will fly into Los Angeles on July 29th and programming will be held on July 30th and 31st. Examples of planned activities include guest speakers, group discussions on various topics of delegate's interests and going over the main conference guidelines. After the American Orientation, delegates will fly together from Los Angeles airport to Japan.

## Main Conference

Delegates will fly together from Los Angeles to Japan for the remainder of the conference from August 1st to August 20th. We will be visiting four sites in Japan: **Kyoto; Aomori; Fukushima; Tokyo**

At each of the four sites, delegates will experience local culture and nature while learning and participating in activities such as: roundtable discussions, cultural and social events, lectures, workshops and panel presentations. Delegates will have the opportunity to 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. At the conclusion of the conference in Tokyo, delegates will be encouraged to convey their final remarks and reflections of their JASC experience during the annual Final Forum.





# PROGRAM OVERVIEW (CONT)

Planning for additional activities is still in process. To give you a sense of what to expect, please refer to the example schedule below:

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	ATTIRE
6:00 - 8:00	Wake up/breakfast	Youth Hostel	Casual
9:00 - 12:30	RT Time/Stipend Lunch	Kyoto City	_____
12:30 - 12:45	Gather & travel to Kongo Nohgakudo	University Location	Business Casual
13:30 - 16:00	Noh Lecture/Practice/Play	Kongo Nohgakudo	_____
16:00 - 18:00	Free Time	Kyoto City	_____
18:00 - 19:30	Gather back at Accomodation & Dinner		
19:30 - 21:00	Kyoto Session	Youth Hostel	Casual
21:00 - 21:30	Announcements		
21:30 - 00:00	Free Time		

# JASC 73 ROUNDTABLES

The main academic component of the conference is the "Roundtable". Each Roundtable consists of up to four Japanese delegates and up to four American Delegates, and is led by two Executive Committee Roundtable Coordinators. Delegates are a part of a Roundtable the entire Conference that focuses on a specific topic within the context of U.S.-Japan relations.

## 2021 Roundtables:

### **Digitalization and Human Security:**

Social Changes and Threat in the Information Age

### **Education and Identity:**

Explore the roots of individuality in the modern world

### **Natural Disasters and Crisis Management:**

Responses by governments, organizations and individuals

### **Social Philosophy and Individual Decision-Making:**

Beliefs and moral values in religion, culture and society

**Science and Ethics:** Understanding Decisions, Research, and Development

**Social Justice and Media:** Promoting Diversity and Inclusion

**US-Japan Presence in Global Politics:** Changing World Order in the 21st Century

[WWW.ISCDC.ORG/JASC/2021/ROUNDTABLES](http://WWW.ISCDC.ORG/JASC/2021/ROUNDTABLES)



Digitalization &  
Human Security



Education &  
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Natural Disasters &  
Crisis Management



Social Philosophy  
& Individual  
Decision-Making



Science &  
Ethics



Social Justice  
& Media



Global Politics  
& Changing  
World Order



## ELIGIBILITY

College/university students (from undergraduate, graduate, or Ph.D. programs) from all academic majors and certificate/degree programs are encouraged to apply for the 73rd Japan-America Student Conference.

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Applicant eligibility requirements:

- Must be proficient in English (no Japanese proficiency required)
- Must be able to represent America in discussions (though you do not need to have a Japanese/American background)

## APPLICATION PROCESS

- Apply by December 11 by filling out [www.jotform.com/jasc73/apply](http://www.jotform.com/jasc73/apply)
- Upload required documents (Unofficial Transcript & Resume)
- 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 a week from then

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If you have any questions while completing your application, please email [jasc73.aec@gmail.com](mailto:jasc73.aec@gmail.com) or call 202-289-9088.



# FAQs

## **Can I apply for JASC if I am a graduating senior?**

Yes! As long as you are enrolled as a university student at the time of application, you are eligible.

## **Can I apply if I am not a U.S. citizen/do not study in the United States?**

Yes, as long as you are able to travel to the locations for AO and the main conference and feel comfortable providing an "American" perspective during conference programming.

## **Does ISC or JASC provide any financial aid?**

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

## **What does the \$3500 fee cover?**

The fee for JASC will include round trip flight to and back from Japan, lodging, meals, any conference/activity expenses and ground transportation to and from sites. Delegates are responsible for personal expenses (extra food, gifts, etc.) as well as transportation to and from the location of American Orientation (Los Angeles, CA).

# FAQs (cont.)

## **When should I purchase my one-way flight to Los Angeles?**

You may purchase your flight as soon as you are accepted as delegates. Due to COVID-19, JASC strongly recommends that accepted delegates purchase refundable tickets in the event that government recommendations discourage domestic and foreign travel.

## **What impact does COVID-19 have on JASC?**

We are committed first and foremost to the health and safety of all students and therefore will adapt with the circumstances in Los Angeles and Japan 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.

**For more FAQs, please visit: <http://iscdc.org/faq/>**

# CONTACT

Stay up-to-date with us on social media:

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To learn more about JASC and ISC, please visit our website at [www.iscdc.org/jasc/](http://www.iscdc.org/jasc/)

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