

Harvard Model Congress Registration Guide

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Boston, MA

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Harvard Model Congress is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit run entirely by Harvard students. HMC hosts five conferences on three continents, reaching over 3,500 students annually. The program is designed to give high school students an opportunity to learn about American government by directly portraying a member of American government in the Senate, House of Representatives, or one of our many Special Programs.

Since its founding in 1986, HMC has been devoted to educating high school students through experiential learning. Now in its 38th year, this carefully-designed government simulation has grown into a program that not only teaches students about the procedures and policies of American government, but also inspires them to directly participate in its execution. We believe that the best way to excite students about civic participation is to immerse them in a realistic and comprehensive four-day simulation.

Dear Esteemed Faculty Advisors,

On behalf of the Executive Board, it is our honor and pleasure to welcome you to the 38th session of Harvard Model Congress Boston! We are excitedly preparing for our 2023 conference at the Boston Sheraton, which is scheduled to take place from February 23-26th, 2023.

Each year since our founding, Harvard Model Congress has remained committed to our educational mission and has striven to provide the most engaging and enriching experience possible for our delegates. The conference pushes students to think critically about some of the most pressing challenges facing our world today, and we are always amazed by the creative, thoughtful, and well-informed solutions they develop. One aspect that makes HMC unique is the chance delegates have to come together to collaboratively face and solve these issues. Although delegates come from a wide array of schools, backgrounds, and political beliefs, they are united by a passion for government and a desire to make the world a better place.

With the many issues we face today, it is incredibly important that young people are actively engaged in the political process. It is our hope that students leave the conference with a deepened understanding of American democracy and the challenges it faces. We hope that they will achieve a greater awareness of how change is made and will feel empowered to take part in this process moving forward.

While our students certainly learn the skills one would expect a government simulation to teach – such as parliamentary procedure, bill writing, and debate – their growth at HMC extends far beyond these areas. We strive to promote political awareness, foster appreciation of different perspectives, and teach public speaking skills that will serve delegates throughout the rest of their lives. Above all, our purpose is to inspire young leaders to advocate for and create change on a local, national, and even global scale. We are consistently impressed by the passion and drive demonstrated by the delegates who attend HMC, and we are thrilled that students and staff are all able to come together to learn how to be better citizens and better leaders.

Every year, we work to make our conference a more diverse and inclusive experience for all involved – from delegates to faculty members to staff. Part of learning how to tackle tough societal issues is becoming familiar with a variety of perspectives and backgrounds and learning how to leverage that diversity as beneficial. It is our hope that all members of our HMC community will feel welcomed and included.

Nothing we do would be possible without the diligent effort of all those involved with the conference—thank you for supporting your students and making their attendance and success possible! We look forward to collaborating with you and your delegates as you prepare for HMC Boston 2023, and we can't wait to meet you in February for another educational and transformative experience.

Warmly,
Nik & Ella



Nik Kirk is a senior studying Philosophy.



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Who We Are



Ella Wesson | Co-President



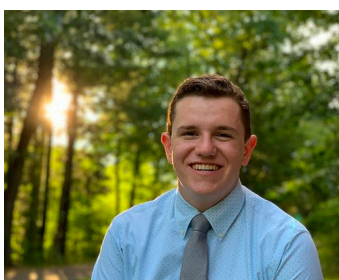
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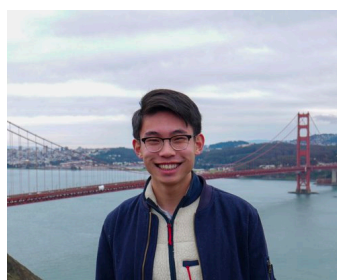
Emily Salem | Speaker
of the House



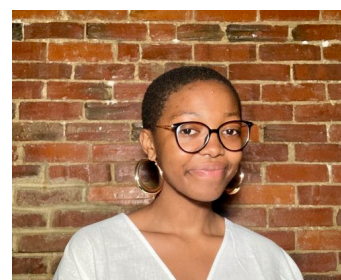
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Senate



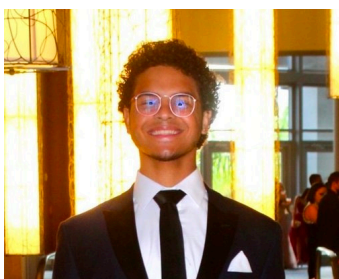
Jenn Hughes | Director of Special
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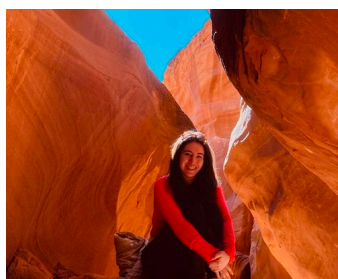
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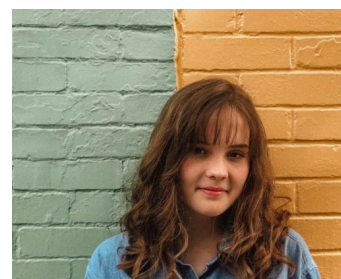
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Liaison



Julia Blank | Director of
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Jonas Pitt | Director of
Scholarships & Outreach



Adrián Muñoz Krans is a sophomore, most likely studying Economics with a secondary in Philosophy

Dear Delegates and Faculty Advisors,

I am thrilled to welcome you to the 38th session of Harvard Model Congress! We are delighted to have you join us in February for four days of debate as the delegates work together and debate in committee to formulate productive legislation. We are proud to promote civic engagement and leadership for the students as the young leaders of tomorrow.

Since last February, the 2023 Executive Board and Staff has been preparing for this upcoming conference. This year, we will convene in the Sheraton Hotel in Boston from February 23th - 26th 2023 as nearly 1,500 high school students and 150 Harvard undergraduates join together to debate the most pressing issues for not only the United States, but also the world.

It is my hope that through this year's conference, delegates will acquire and develop the skills necessary to express and defend their beliefs through the arts of debate and cooperation.

This registration guide includes information on the conference as a whole, including all three of our umbrella programs: the House of Representatives, Senate, and Special Programs. It also includes detailed information on the registration process and conference expectations.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns you might have. it i my job to ensure that your experience at our conference is as comfortable and exciting as possible, and I am looking forward to experiencing the conference alongside you!

Best Wishes,

Adrián Muñoz Krans

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Our Programming

Committee Sessions

At HMC, delegates participate in committee sessions, during which they draft legislation through caucuses and discuss, amend, and vote on bills. These sessions allow students to experience the excitement and frustration that accompany the legislative process of Capitol Hill. Each committee is chaired by at least two Harvard undergraduates. These students spend the summer writing issue briefings for the committee, and during the conference, they serve as substantive and procedural experts. The character and pace of each individual committee varies with the particular issues, staff, and students.



Full Session

Following committee sessions, the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate call their respective chambers for full sessions. Here, members of Congress have the opportunity to present, discuss, and vote upon legislation that was approved by the prior committee sessions. Delegates have the opportunity to debate bills that have passed both in and outside of their own committees and are thus exposed to a broader range of issues. The final full session will provide an opportunity for delegates to participate in creative programming that differentiates the final day of the conference.

Special Programs Summit

The SP Summit is a new and exciting innovation to enhance our existing Special Programs schedule. Over recent years the feedback we have consistently gotten from SP delegates is that they want an opportunity to get out of their committee rooms and meet other SP delegates. The SP Summit is that chance! SP students will finally have the opportunity to gather as a group to discuss issues, share experiences, and meet one another!

Novice Committees

Our novice committees are designed for students with less experience while maintaining the rigor of fast-paced, comprehensive government stimulation. Novice committees allow ample time for delegates to learn and practice parliamentary procedure and to become more comfortable with public speaking in session.

Dear Faculty and Delegates,

Welcome to the United States House of Representatives! The House, the Lower Chamber of Congress, has historically served a special role in government as the institution closest to the American people. In fact, when the Constitution was ratified, the House was initially the only chamber with direct elections for its representatives. The House is responsible for writing and passing legislation on a range of issues impacting nearly every dimension of American life. With 435 representatives, the House is the largest chamber of Congress. This large selection of voices makes for lively debate and ultimately demands democratic compromise. As Representatives at HMC 2023, you will have to balance your constituents' views with partisan loyalties, outside interests, and your personal intuition. Throughout the conference, you will get to experience the challenges and rewards that come with being a part of a legislative body "of the people."

This year, the House will consist of twelve committees covering some of the most pressing issues facing legislators today. With topics ranging from the climate crisis to education and national security, it is my hope that every delegate will be able to learn about and debate an issue that they feel they have a real stake in. As you engage with these issues, your committee chairs will be there to guide you through everything from briefings to parliamentary procedure.

I sincerely believe that everyone can learn something from Harvard Model Congress. First of all, we have an educational mission to teach students about their government by giving them a space to actively explore it. HMC is at its best when delegates leave Boston with a stronger sense of their own civic voice than they had when they showed up. I also encourage you to use the conference to grow as an individual, not just a politician. Every delegate enters HMC with different interests, backgrounds, and levels of experience. This means that everyone's opportunities for growth will be different, and you can all learn from each other. If you struggle to speak up, challenge yourself to take a step out of your comfort zone and nurture your confidence. If you are outspoken and ambitious, challenge yourself to collaborate with new people and refine your skills. No matter what your goals are, remember to have fun and savor the opportunity to grow your mind and make new friends.

Good luck preparing for the conference, and we cannot wait to greet you in February!

Best,
Emily Salem



Emily Salem is a junior studying Anthropology and Psychology

House Committees

Briefing Topics

Armed Services

- The Impact of Climate Change on US Military Bases Worldwide
- Militarization in Europe

Education and Labor

- For Profit Colleges
- Revisiting Vocational Education

Energy and Commerce

- Consumer Protection
- Nuclear Waste Disposal

Financial Services

- Tax Havens
- Insider Trading

Foreign Affairs

- US-Nigeria Relations
- The Tigray Crisis

Homeland Security

- Asylum and Trafficking at the Border
- Management Of Disaster Relief In Regard To Climate Change

Judiciary

- Free Speech and Information in the Online Age

Oversight and Government Reform

- Paid Leave and Childcare Support
- Issues With Incarceration In Rikers Island

Select Committee on Intelligence

- Crafting An Updated U.S. Counterterrorism Policy For Al-Qaeda And ISIS
- Illicit Revenue Sources in Venezuela

Select Committee on the Climate Crisis

- UNFCCC

Space, Science, and Technology

- Pandemic Prevention and Disease Control
- America's Pathway to Renewable Energy

Transportation and Infrastructure

- Expanding Electric Vehicle Adoption in Rural Communities

Dear Delegates and Faculty Advisors,

Serving as the Upper Chamber of Congress, the U.S. Senate is home to some of the most integral deliberations around the world. The Senate holds many powers, which help to check and balance those of other branches and direct foreign policy. In our current Congress, the Senate serves as a place of intense contention with many bills and resolutions not making it out of deliberations, yet our model Senate will showcase what our ideal government looks like, with many Senators on both sides of the aisle weighing difficult personal and political views to arrive at a voting position.

These difficult decisions, many of which often rest in the hands of a few key Senators, make HMC's Senate home to some of the most religious and exciting dates at the conference. This year, the Senate will be comprised of twelve committees, which expose students to the full scope of the work of our nation's lawmakers. Our Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee, and Judiciary Committee will serve as novice committees for students who have not previously participated in Harvard Model Congress or similar simulations. Please note, however, that first time delegates are not restricted to our novice committees. All of our staff members are trained in teaching parliamentary procedure and are excited to help both new and experienced delegates grow.

We are also excited to announce a new committee in the Senate this year. The Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry will feature exciting debate on the intersection of the environment, economics, and ecology in discussions of the monopolization of agribusiness and an in-depth look at America's battle to contain forest fires as well as other exciting topics.

As always, the Senate prides itself on our smaller committees, focusing on 25-30 delegates, which allow for more interaction with our staff and for more in-depth discussions and debates. Our entire Senate staff is excited to create this comfortable space for delegates to fully participate, ask questions, and learn from one another in a collaborative environment. We hope this experience will allow delegates to not only learn valuable skills in debate, negotiation, and public-speaking, but also emerge from the conference with new ideas on how to better shape the world around them.

We hope this experience will inspire the next generation of change-makers and provide delegates with the tools needed to be an advocate for themselves and their communities. I hope to see you or your students in the Senate this February and wish you the best in the meanwhile!

Yours truly,
Matt Tibbitts



Matt Tibbitts is a junior studying Quantitative Economics and Environmental Science and Public Policy

Senate Committees

Briefing Topics

Armed Services

- Reimagining Selective Service

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

- Fair Housing
- Financial Inclusion and Accessibility

Finance

- Wealth Tax
- Cryptocurrency Regulation

Judiciary (Novice committee)

- The Future of Presidential Elections
- America's Mass Shooting Epidemic

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

- Wildfire Management
- Antitrust in Agribusiness

Energy and Natural Resources

- The Future of the Coal Industry

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

- Commercial Space Regulation
- Train Infrastructure

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

- The US Postal Service Crisis
- Reimagining Immigration Policy and the US-Mexico Border Crisis

Select Committee on Intelligence

- Domestic Terrorism

Foreign Relations

- U.S. Involvement in the Yemeni Civil War
- Recovering America's Hostages Abroad

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

- School Resource Officers
- Digital Surveillance in Schools

Small Business and Entrepreneurship

- Patent Reform

Dear Faculty and Delegates,

Welcome to Special Programs! Special Programs, or SP for short, is Harvard Model Congress' most diverse programmatic offering. I am confident that students who choose to participate in SP committees will have one of the most fruitful and enjoyable weekends of their high school experience. Students in SP revel in the full breadth of government, going beyond the traditional roles of Representative and Senator.

They will be challenged attempting to don the roles of the Founding Fathers in the Constitutional Convention just as much as they will be tested giving new perspectives to crises in the Historical Committee. They will play the roles of plaintiff and defense in the District Court, and will argue for the constitutional validity of a question posed to the Supreme Court.

Harvard Model Congress is not only meant to serve as a platform for students to discuss domestic issues; our very mission both implies and compels us to bring for the new and interesting debate from all corners of the world. Students looking for an internationally focused challenge will enjoy the feeling of working with other delegates in the Group of 20, the World Bank, and the World Health Organization. This year students will have the opportunity to participate in a newly revived committee: West Wing. West Wing allows students to take on roles as top political advisors in the White House or as members of the RNC. From crafting party platforms to lobbying, West Wing will allow students to discover the behind the scenes strategy and systems of the US government.

Beyond the individual committees, I look forward to continuing the tradition of programmatic integration between the Special Programs and the House and Senate. Media will continue to seek out breaking news and lawmakers will come before the Presidential Cabinet to seek final approval of their legislation. Delegates of the West Wing will disperse throughout the conference in promotion of their party's platform. Special Programs affords a unique perspective into the challenges of governing, and every year SP delegates quickly rise to the occasion.

Along the way, they will learn skills of argumentation, critical thinking, leadership, and compromise. I am confident that those who attend will leave the 2022 conference with a better sense of the intricacies of our government and the governments of the world – and maybe most importantly– a better sense of how to work with each other. I hope to provide an enriching and fulfilling session of Harvard Model Congress that gives the students tools and skills that they can take with them into their communities and the world. I am positive that I speak not only on behalf of myself, but also all of our Special Programs staffers, when I say that we are so excited to meet you all at the conference!

Sincerely,
Jen Hughes



Jenn Hughes is a junior studying Government with a Secondary in Environmental Science and Public Policy.

Special Programs Committees

Topics

Constitutional Convention

Undertaking the roles of the nation's founders in 1787, delegates to the Constitutional Convention are charged with drafting and enacting an organizing document for the fledgling nation. This historical committee encourages students to transport themselves into 1787 to consider the challenges facing the Founding Fathers and to devise creative solutions that address some of the most significant constitutional arguments that color modern debates.

United Nations Security Council

Delegates of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) have the goal to promote international security and peace in a way that serves their nation's interests. Each delegate will represent one of the countries in the UNSC. This conference, the council will face issues such as cyber security and conflict with near peer adversaries.

World Health Organization

The World Health Organization (WHO) is a branch of the United Nations that specializes in international public health. Throughout committee, delegates will debate on issues such as menstrual health and hygiene throughout the world.

Historical Committee

The Historical Committee provides delegates a unique opportunity to relive some of the most important moments in global political history. This year, delegates will simulate the Grey Convention of 1914.

National Economic Council

The economic landscape of the United States and the world changes rapidly, and therefore the president has a council of experts to guide him in his decisions regarding the economic well-being of the nation. The council will debate and develop proposals in regard to the wage gap and racial disparities in pay.

Media

In light of the rapidly changing realm of media and technology today, HMC Media exists to modernize the role of the media at the conference. The committee will combine online, partisan-leaning blog publications, video coverage of the conference, and a daily newspaper distributed electronically to all delegates. Delegates in HMC Media are responsible for keeping the rest of the conference informed about breaking news and crisis information as well as covering the debate and passage of legislation.

Special Programs Committees

Topics, continued

National Security Council

The National Security Council (NSC) assists the president in coordinating American foreign policy. At HMC, students representing diplomatic advisors and governmental agency heads meet to discuss these issues and produce policy recommendations. Students learn about international affairs while they develop skills in strategic thinking and problem solving under high-pressure circumstances.

Supreme Court

The Supreme Court simulates the nation's highest judicial body, enforcing the Constitution. Working in teams of two, student attorneys prepare written briefs, argue their position, and judge cases on the most challenging and exciting issues of constitutional law. Staff members serve as Chief Justices, who will challenge students to craft intricate arguments based both on precedent and personal interpretation of the Constitution.

District Court

This District Court program simulates the heart of the American legal system—a speedy trial before a jury of one's peers and a staunch presumption of innocence until proven guilty. Delegates will alternate among portraying counsel, witness, and juror on teams of six, responsible for crafting arguments and carefully weighing the facts in simulating District Court cases. Delegates are involved in trying both criminal and civil cases.

Group of 20

Delegates in the G-20 will have the opportunity to bring an international perspective to HMC. Each delegate will represent one of 20 nations as they come together at the conference to pool their perspectives and debate the major security, economic, and political issues facing the world's biggest players. This year, delegates in the G-20 will be discussing global supply chain issues and providing financial aid to developing nations.

Presidential Cabinet

The Presidential Cabinet is a group comprised of top officials responsible for advising the president on nearly every conceivable issue. Cabinet members formulate the executive branch's position on legislative issues, articulate these stances to congressional committees, lobby legislators, and promote the president's legislative agenda. At formal Cabinet meetings, delegates engage in roundtable discussions, crafting executive policies and reviewing legislation to recommend its passage or veto by the president.

West Wing

The West Wing enables students to simulate the activities of the partisan infrastructure that runs the White House and the opposing party's national convention. Students take on roles as speechwriters and policy advisors as they prepare party platforms and make policy recommendations to members of Congress. Delegates must work together in their separate party groups in order to advance their parties' policies.

Logistics

Tentative Schedule

Wednesday, February 22

9:00 PM - 11:00 PM: Registration

Thursday, February 23

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM: Registration

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM: Opening Ceremonies

3:45 PM - 5:30 PM Program Meetings

5:30pm - 7:30pm Dinner

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM: Program Meetings

9:00 PM - 9:30 PM: Faculty Advisor Meeting

11:30 PM: Curfew

Friday, February 24

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM: Harvard Day

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Educational Seminars

1:00 PM - 6:00 PM: Program Meetings

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM: Dinner

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM: Program Meetings

9:00 PM - 10:00 PM: Faculty Advisor Meeting

11:30 PM: Curfew

Saturday, February 25

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM: Program Meetings

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM: Lunch

2:00 PM - 5:30 PM: Program Meetings

5:30 PM - 9:00 PM: Dinner

9:00 PM - 10:30 PM: Delegate Social

11:30 AM: Curfew

Sunday, February 26

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM: Program Meetings

9:30PM - 10:00AM Faculty Advisor Meeting

12:00PM - 1:00PM Closing Ceremonies

Our Venue

HMC 2023 is excited to return to the Boston Sheraton Hotel. All delegations are required to stay at the Sheraton. Please note that hotel prices are separate from conference fees and are subject to change. The Sheraton is attached to the Prudential Center, which holds many food options. HMC has secured the following per night room rates, including taxes:

Single \$315.88 Quad \$338.77

Double \$315.88 Suites \$377.68+

Triple \$338.77 Club Level \$45.78 additional

Vaccination

To ensure the health and safety of our staff and participants, HMC strongly recommends that all participants are fully vaccinated against COVID-19. While we guarantee that 100% of our staff is vaccinated, HMC will not require evidence of vaccination to attend the conference. This is subject to change based on The Sheraton and the City of Boston's policies. Please direct any questions to Adrián Muñoz Krans at boston@harvardmodelcongress.org.

Food and Transportation

Students and faculty are responsible for their own meals over the weekend and transportation to and from the conference. Many airlines offer discounts for group flights. You may wish to inquire whether there are any volume discounts available for your airfare.

A guide on food and transportation options will be sent out closer to the conference.

Leaving Early

All delegations are strongly encouraged to attend the Closing Ceremonies. We will no longer send gavels or physical awards to schools that are not present at closing ceremonies. Schools wishing to receive physical awards despite from missing Closing Ceremonies must notify the Faculty Liaison (Adrián Muñoz Krans) at least two weeks in advance of the conference.

*Note: This is a preliminary schedule.
Timing of the weekend is subject to change.

Faculty Preparation

Communication with HMC Staff

To facilitate communication between HMC staff and faculty advisors, we require at least one faculty advisor to provide us with an email address at which they can be contacted. We will use email to send announcements about the conference and registration logistics, as well as to remind faculty of upcoming deadlines, so it is important for faculty to check their email frequently. Though we certainly invite all faculty to phone us with questions, comments, or concerns, a faster response is guaranteed through email. Email also allows us to better track our communications. Please feel free to contact the Faculty Liaison, Adrián Muñoz Krans, with any questions, at his email: boston@harvardmodelcongress.org.

A Note on Student Leaders

Some participating schools designate student leaders of their respective delegations. It is essential that faculty advisors of such delegations remain in close contact with student leaders in coordinating logistical and programmatic preparation. Advisors should not hand off all responsibility for HMC preparation to student leaders, but should play an active leadership role in a delegation's advance preparation. HMC requires that faculty advisors, and not student leaders, serve as contacts in our pre-conference communications.

Administrative Coordination

The staff of Harvard Model Congress relies on advisors to help ensure a successful conference and a dynamic educational experience for delegates. Faculty advisors are responsible for registration, collection and payment of conference fees, hotel reservations, role assignments, and transportation arrangements. Advance financial planning is essential, as many school and school district financial offices require advance notice in order to print and distribute payments.

Student Supervision

The size of our conference requires us to ask that faculty assist HMC staff in keeping students in compliance with hotel guidelines and HMC conduct rules. We ask that all faculty advisors work with HMC staff and Hotel Management to secure the safety of students. Faculty advisors are asked to be present in the hallways near students rooms to assist HMC staff enforce curfew.

Student Conduct Forms

Faculty advisors are responsible for requiring each student and their parent/guardian to read and fill out the Student Code of Conduct Form via Google Forms. Completed forms for each student must be submitted by December 13, 2022. Students will not be allowed to attend the conference if this form is missing. In addition, faculty must get the Faculty Responsibilities Form and Principals Agreement Form completed.

Skill Instruction

Delegations whose advisors take time in advance of the conference to instruct delegates on conducting research on their assigned role or legislative issue, rules of debate and parliamentary procedure, and effective public speaking skills will almost certainly have a more productive experience at HMC. The guidelines for student preparation included in this guide are merely a starting point. We encourage advisors to conduct mock debates, suggest research resources for students, and invite local legislators to speak to students.



Delegate Preparation

Overview

In order to create a fulfilling experience for all delegates, we strongly encourage delegates to prepare diligently for their committees prior to attending HMC. The following points are merely introductory guidelines to help students get started on their preparations. Delegates are encouraged to reach out to their committee chairs for further suggestions for preparation and guidance.

Role and Issue Research

In October, HMC will post issue briefings and program guides on its website. Students should use these materials as starting points for additional research. The Guide to Congress instructs students on how to conduct additional research on their assigned roles, while the issue briefings offer a broad outline of the terms of debate and suggest additional research sources. Harvard staff members are also available to assist student participants by email. The more prepared students are, the more rewarding they will find their conference experience!

Pre-Conference Assignments

After receiving issue briefings and updates and researching them thoroughly, students will be expected to turn in pre-conference assignments in advance of the conference. These assignments give students an opportunity to think critically about possible solutions to the problems posed in the issue briefings and form a starting point for discussions at the conference. Each assignment will be sent back to delegates with feedback from a Harvard staff member.

Active Participation

Students are urged to make the most of their experience at HMC by displaying an eagerness to contribute in committee. We also emphasize that students show consideration of fellow students' opinions and right to speak. This will promote an atmosphere of productive and respectful exchange of ideas. Whether by involving themselves in formal debate or brainstorming with their peers, students will get much more out of the conference if they choose to fully engage in the simulation.

Code of Conduct

Conference participants are the guests of the Sheraton during the conference and must be considerate of both hotel property and other guests. Accordingly, excessive noise, possession or use of alcohol or illegal substances, and violations of curfew are strictly prohibited. Students who violate the standards of conduct risk dismissal from the conference, expulsion of their entire school delegation from the conference, and/or future restrictions on their school's participation at HMC. By acting responsibly throughout the conference, students help make HMC a success and ensure our ability to continue to use the Sheraton's facilities. Students will be required to submit Student Code of Conduct forms in order to attend the conference.



Scholarships

Harvard Model Congress awards need-based financial scholarships to select students who may not ordinarily be able to attend the conference due to financial considerations. Through this program, we hope to expand the opportunity to participate in this unique and valuable event to a greater number of students. It is our belief that increasing the socioeconomic diversity of the conference enhances the experience for all involved. Bringing together students from a wider variety of backgrounds provides the conference with new perspectives, brings novel ideas to the table, mimics the real make-up of the United States, and therefore stimulates fruitful debates. Students selected to receive these scholarships will have their delegate fees waived, and some recipients will have the cost of their hotel stay during the conference paid for.



The Application

The application for the scholarship program can be accessed on the HMC Scholarship page starting in October 2022. Please note that a complete application includes both a Student Form and a Faculty Advisor Form. Recipients will be selected on the basis of financial need, enthusiasm for the opportunity to participate in HMC 2023, and academic achievement and potential. Faculty advisors are advised to consider these criteria when writing recommendations.

Disclaimer: Please note that receipt of a scholarship in prior years does not guarantee the awarding of a scholarship again this year.

The application will be released on October 1st. The deadline for submitting all application materials is November 15th, and all decisions will be released by December 6th. If you have any questions, please email our Director of Scholarships, Jonas Pitt, at scholarships@harvardmodelcongress.org.

Registration

Step 1: Register Your School and Faculty

When: September 1st - November 15th, 2022

Early Registration (Sept. 20th):
\$105 school fee

Regular Registration (Oct. 18th):
\$155 school fee

Late Registration (Nov. 15th):
\$205 school fee

Please note the school fee is
separate from delegate fees.

Fees paid online subject to 2.9%
processing fee.

To guarantee your school's spot in HMC 2023, faculty advisors must fill and submit our electronic application on the HMC Registration page. In this application, faculty advisors will provide their contact information and school information. Additionally, faculty must indicate the number of delegate roles they wish to receive. You may request up to 32 spots. There is no longer a wait-list for a school to have additional spots. After registering online, you will receive an invoice for the school fee and the individual delegate fees. These fees can be paid through a check mailed to our new PO box (address will be announced late August) or through our online portal. Fees paid online are subject to a processing fee. Mailed checks must be postmarked by the registration deadlines to receive the discounted school fee amounts. Please note that after November 30th, HMC reserves the right to assess additional late fees as necessary. All fees are non-refundable.

Step 2: Pay Registration and Delegate Fees

When: By November 30th, 2022 at the latest

Individual Delegate Fee:
\$125

Mail delegate fees as soon as
possible to receive role assignments.

Fee includes conference attendance,
programmatic materials,
and free t-shirt.

Once we receive your registration form, we will send an invoice for the registration fee and the delegate fees. Delegate fees should be paid with one check per school mailed to HMC or paid through the online portal. Online payments are subject to a processing fee. Our PO Box for receiving checks will be announced in late August. Please only send checks to the PO Box address. Our mailing address for all other parcels can be found on Page 19. The final deadline for individual delegate payments is November 30th, 2022. However, students and faculty are encouraged to submit this payment as soon as possible, as role assignments will be done on a first-come, first-served basis. The individual delegate fee for HMC 2023 is \$125. The delegate fee will be kept constant through the three registration deadlines and includes all programmatic and educational materials. Please note that all fees are non-refundable.

Step 3: Role Requests and Assignments

When: September 1st - December 13th, 2022

Committee Request Forms will
allow students to rank top 8
preferences. It is due by
December 13.

Final role assignments will be
emailed by January 15 at the latest.

Upon registration, faculty members will receive an automated electronic committee request form where they may submit rankings for each registered delegate's top eight committee preferences. The Faculty Liaison will send along roles once all fees have been paid. We require that each student rank at least two House and two Senate committees within their eight preferences. Schools are encouraged to submit this form as soon as possible, as role assignments will be done on a first-come, first-served basis. The form is due by December 13, and all delegates will receive their final role assignments by January 15, at the very latest.

Registration, cont.

Step 4: Email Necessary Forms

When: September 1st - December 14th, 2022 at the latest

Please email forms to boston@harvardmodelcongress.org

The Faculty Responsibilities Form, all Student Code of Conduct Forms, and the Principal's Agreement Form must be completed by December 14th, 2022. These forms will be sent out along with the invoice for the registration and delegate fees. Schools and delegates that do not submit these forms will be unable to participate in the conference.

Step 5: Pay for Hotel

When: Late Fall - January 15th, 2023

The price per night (including taxes) in the corresponding configuration is as follows:

Single \$315.88; Double \$315.88
Triple \$338.77; Quad \$338.77
Suites \$377.68+
Club Level \$45.78 additional

Hotel registration due by
January 15.

As mentioned, all students and faculty are required to stay in the Boston Sheraton Hotel. Faculty will have the opportunity to indicate the number of rooms that they would like to reserve in the initial school registration form (Step 1). Hotel Registration and Room Assignment forms must be submitted online directly to the Sheraton Hotel. All requests and processing will go directly through the Sheraton Hotel. Registration will be revoked without refund for schools that do not submit these forms. These forms will be available later in the fall and must be submitted by January 15th, 2023.

Step 6: Complete Pre-Conference Assignments (Delegates)

When: By February 5, 2023

All delegates are required to submit pre-conference assignments.

Individual feedback will be provided on these assignments.

All students will be required to submit a Pre-Conference assignment. Pre-Conference assignments ask students to think critically about their assigned briefings and generate a position on each issue raised. Pre-Conference assignments will be due on February 5, 2023. The exact emails for submission will be made clear in the role assignment email. All delegates will receive feedback from a Harvard staffer. Additionally, Harvard staffers will be available to answer any questions and provide advice for research and preparation leading up to the conference. Students are expected to think carefully before submitting their assignments, and faculty advisors are encouraged to work with delegates as they complete the assignments, although all work must be original and completed by the student.

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