

# Annual Student Conference on US Affairs (SCUSA) Application Procedures

The University of Alaska Anchorage has been selected to send two student delegates to the Annual Student Conference on United States Affairs (SCUSA) to be held at the US Military Academy, West Point, in early November.

Applications are welcome from students majoring in a variety of disciplines, including economics, history, international relations, languages, political science, and related social science fields. The selection committee seeks students who have demonstrated interest in area studies, global issues, international studies, international relations, and/or foreign policy, and it is highly recommended that students planning to apply to SCUSA complement their major studies with coursework related to these areas.

The student delegates will be fully funded to attend this event.

The SCUSA Selection Committee will base its decision on the following criteria:

1. The guiding principles in the selection of the student participants will be academic excellence, demonstrated interest in at least one of the areas listed above, and the extent to which the conference contributes to the achievement of students' academic and professional goals.
2. The applicant must have an overall GPA of at least 3.2.
3. The applicant must have successfully completed at least one semester at the University of Alaska Anchorage prior to the current Spring semester.
4. The applicant must be at least a half-time student (registered for 6 credits) in the current Spring semester with plans to register for at least 6 credits for the following Fall semester.
5. It is desirable that the applicant have taken at least one course at UAA that addresses international issues or is international in focus.
6. Students must submit the Application Form with the following (7-9):
7. The application must be accompanied by a 1-2 page (500 words) statement addressing why the applicant should be selected and the role participation will play in the applicant's academic and professional goals. Additionally, the applicant should choose two round table topics and discuss their reasons for choosing these particular tables, the background and experience they will bring to these issues and/or regions, and what they hope to gain from participation in these particular tables.

Round tables at the conference are:

## Regional

- Central and Eastern Europe
- Western Europe
- Latin America and the Caribbean
- Russia and Central Asia
- China, Japan and Korea
- The Middle East, North Africa, and the Horn of Africa
- Sub-Saharan Africa
- Middle East Gulf States
- South and Southeast Asia and Oceania

## Topical

- Homeland Security
- The US Role in Democratization
- Domestic Sources of Influence on Foreign Policy
- Global Social Concerns
- Global Economics and Trade Issues
- Global Migration: Refugees, Immigrants and Diasporas
- The Challenges of Terrorism
- The Challenges of Insurgency
- Inter- and Non-Governmental Organizations

8. The application must be accompanied by one (1) letter of recommendation from a UAA faculty member
9. The application must be accompanied by an unofficial copy of the applicant's UAA transcript.
10. The applicant must agree to complete a post-Conference survey and to make a post-participation presentation at the Undergraduate Research & Discovery Symposium held on the UAA campus in April.
11. The student delegates will be expected to attend an orientation session in April and October.

**Only complete applications will be considered for review.**

All applications for the SCUSA Conference must be received by the Office of Undergraduate Research & Scholarship (RH 115; Tel: 786-1086; E-mail: [research@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:research@uaa.alaska.edu)) by the deadline posted at <http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/ours/opportunities/research/scusa.cfm>.