

The Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarship

Announces the

Annual Student Conference on U.S. Affairs

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

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. 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 the 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 Spring semester in which the application is submitted.
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 the following Fall.
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 word) statement addressing why the applicant should be selected and the extent to which participation in the conference contributes to the achievement of the students' 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 issues and/or regions, and what they hope to gain from participation in these particular tables. See the application for list of 18 round table topics.
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 early October.

Only complete applications will be considered for review.

Application forms and the submission deadline is available online at www.uaa.alaska.edu/ours or can be picked up from the Office of Undergraduate Research & Scholarship in RH 115.

For additional information or questions, contact research@uaa.alaska.edu or 907.786.1086.



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