

## Program Details

**Schedule:** Delegates depart by train from Manhattan on Monday, April 7th at around 12:00 PM and return to NYC in the afternoon on Friday, April 11th. Conference registration and a welcome reception will take place on Monday evening at the Naval Academy. The first conference session will begin on Tuesday morning, and final policymaking simulations take place Thursday afternoon.

**Note:** A **mandatory orientation** will be held before the conference in Manhattan on Friday, April 4th at 4:30 PM. *Please apply only if you are absolutely sure you will be able to attend the orientation and the entire conference.*

*\*Please note that a virtual orientation is available for students who live more than 90 minutes outside of New York City.*

**Transportation:** One To World delegates will travel as a group by train to and from the conference. This ticket is included in the fee. Further transportation details will be provided upon selection.

**Fees:** The delegate conference fee is \$200. This fee covers the registration fee, round-trip transportation from NYC, accommodations, and most meals. Delegates are responsible for any spending money they may require for souvenirs, snacks and meals not provided by the academy. Conference fees will only be collected by those accepted into the program. It is free to apply.  
**NOTE: Possible sponsorships are available!**

**Lodging & Meals:** Student delegates will be housed in a hotel near the conference site. Most meals will be provided in the Midshipmen Dining Hall.

**Attire:** Business casual attire is appropriate for working sessions and tours. The banquet is semi-formal; we suggest coat and tie, cocktail dress, or your country's national dress. Rain gear, a jacket or sweater, and comfortable walking shoes are also recommended. All delegates are encouraged to bring sportswear for activities (sailing, sports, etc.).

## About One To World

To advance global cooperation, One To World fosters intercultural understanding by creating face-to-face experiences among local communities, international students and Fulbright scholars.

In addition to this foreign affairs conference, One To World has many other programs that bring Americans and international students face-to-face to share their perspectives in life changing ways, including day-long and overnight community visits, New York City community discovery programs, campus-to-career workshops, and many social activities.

Another important One To World program is *Global Classroom*, which gives international students the opportunity to teach American K-12 students about their countries and cultures by leading interactive workshops in New York City public schools.

One To World is designated by the United States Department of State as the official Coordinator of Enrichment Programs for visiting Fulbright grantees in the greater New York area.

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## 65th Annual Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference (NAFAC)



### "The Constellation of Humanitarian Assistance: Persevering through Conflict"

*April 7 – April 11, 2025*

United States Naval Academy  
Annapolis, Maryland

An application for  
International Students & Scholars

## Conference Theme

Each year since 1960, the U.S. Naval Academy has hosted a gathering of delegates from universities around the U.S. and the world who come together to discuss a theme on current global affairs.

The conference has grown to be one of the leading undergraduate conferences in the country. It welcomes over 150 delegates from countries around the world, and it has heard speakers as notable as former U.S. Presidents George Bush and Bill Clinton, former U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, and former U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton.

The 65th annual Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference (NAFAC) invites students from civilian and military institutions to explore issues related to this year's theme, "The Constellation of Humanitarian Assistance: Persevering through Conflict."

In an era marked by global uncertainty, this conference will explore the intricate intersections between conflict, resilience, and humanitarian action. As challenges grow more complex, how can societies, governments, and organizations navigate crises to foster stability and hope. What are key strategies for delivering humanitarian aid in regions of protracted conflict? How is the evolving role of technology strengthening—or undermining—humanitarian efforts? How can fractured societies bridge the divide to promote cultural understanding and diplomacy? What role can the military or other communities play in shaping innovative approaches to humanitarian aid and peacebuilding?

These are just some of the questions and topics that will be covered in the diverse set of roundtable discussions at the conference.

### **Application Deadline: Sunday, February 9th**

Please submit your application using this [form](#).

## Conference Structure

The conference consists of four plenary sessions, three roundtable sessions, and a variety of social activities. The discussions are meant to simulate "real-life" policy making; negotiating disputes, compromises, and successes that policy makers regularly face.

1-3 international delegates will be assigned to each roundtable. Conference organizers will try to assign delegates to their preferred roundtable, but assignments may be limited by group size and the need to create balanced representation.

Student delegates, who attend civilian and military institutions from around the United States and the world, are joined in these small group sessions by senior participants from the industrial sector, academia, the armed services, and the diplomatic corps. Senior participants will assist and moderate student delegates in analyzing contemporary foreign policy issues that affect the long-term interests of the United States.

The plenary sessions provide delegates the opportunity to hear the views of leaders closely involved in the study of international relations and the formulation of U.S. foreign policy. Speakers from recent years have included former U.S. President, George H. Bush; former U.S. Secretary of State, Madeleine Albright; former Director of the CIA, John Deutch; former Australian Ambassador to the U.S., John McCarthy; former Ambassador to China, Jon Huntsman, former Secretary of State, Hillary Rodham Clinton, and former U.S. President, Bill Clinton.

Social opportunities include a welcome reception, a banquet on the conference's last evening, yard-wide activities, free time around Annapolis, as well as the meals throughout the conference.

The entire structure of the conference is designed to provide a premiere educational experience for the student delegates. Not only will the students have the opportunity to interact with experts in national security and foreign policy, they will also learn from each other. As delegates depart Annapolis at the conclusion of NAFAC, they will have a greater understanding of the complexities surrounding foreign policy development.

## One To World's Delegation

One To World's delegation of international undergraduate and graduate students was first invited to participate in this foreign policy debate in 1991.

One To World's delegation plays a special role in this prestigious foreign affairs conference by adding a critical international perspective to the student deliberations on U.S. foreign policy. As international student participants, One To World delegates enrich the conference with their various national and cultural perspectives, as well as their academic experience. In turn, American undergraduate conference participants and midshipmen from the Naval Academy share their cultural, political, and educational views with One To World's delegates in an exciting academic and social setting.

### **PAST ROUNDTABLE TOPICS**

- ◆ Polarization and Economics in Latin America: Case Studies of Political Economy
- ◆ Polarization in Russia: Putin's Invasion of Ukraine
- ◆ The New Age of Warfare: Russian and Chinese Cyber Strategy
- ◆ Balancing Russian Minorities and National Security in the Baltic States
- ◆ The Downfall of International Organizations
- ◆ Nationalist Leaders: Who Are They, Where They Came From, and How They Became so Powerful
- ◆ Shifts in Culture and Faith: Secularism vs. Religion
- ◆ Climate Change in the Arctic: A New Russian and Chinese Frontier
- ◆ The Politicization of Cyberspace: Disinformation, Political Hacking, and Influence Campaigns
- ◆ Hidden Instability and the Facade of Chinese Power
- ◆ Domestic Divisiveness: How Internal Strife Challenges Refugee Crises
- ◆ New Populism and the Activatability of the Tech-Fluent Public
- ◆ Artificial Intelligence: The Future Chokehold on the World Order and the Direct Impact on Civil-Military Relations
- ◆ The Survival of Cultural Identity in a Digital World
- ◆ Israel and Palestine: Political Polarization in the Holy Land and Beyond
- ◆ In the Shadow of Darkness: How Public Dissent Changes the Conduct of War
- ◆ "Universal" Rights: Polarization and Dehumanization
- ◆ Freedom of Speech vs. Freedom from Hate