



2019 Japan-Canada Student Forum

Hosted by Queen's University (Canada)

Theme

Japan-Canada Relations in an Era of Global Change

In this current era of global interconnectedness, change at local, national, regional, and international levels is occurring at a rapid pace. While change can be 'negative' (e.g., climate change), it can also be 'positive' (e.g., medical advances). Japan and Canada are integral actors in efforts to promote positive global change. The 2019 JACAC conference will offer reflections on how these two G-7 partners, celebrating 90 years of diplomatic relations, are contributing to positive global change on transnational issue-areas and policy-relevant governance challenges. The conference will feature presentations from the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences that approach global change from innovative perspectives.

This year, to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the JACAC Student Forum and the 90th Anniversary of the Japan-Canada Diplomatic Relations, this conference follows the format of a simulation. Participants will portray the roles of political leaders and policymakers in Japan and Canada, and will be encouraged to come up with effective policy suggestions that foster a stronger relationship between the two countries.

The conference themes will include:

1) What role can Japan and Canada play in promoting global peace and security through multilateral forums? Each country enjoys a special relationship with the United States. How can Japan and Canada leverage this relationship in order to promote peace and security in the Asia-Pacific region?

2) Roughly half the world's population resides in the Asia-Pacific region – which is also home to the largest and most dynamic economies in the world. Regional support for global governance efforts to address climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions has been mixed. Furthermore, parts of the region are witnessing a return of trade protectionism, which might drag the wider region (and beyond) into a series of 'trade wars'. How can economic growth be balanced with environmental protection? What are the problems associated with the rise of trade protectionism and so-called

trade wars? What role can Japan and Canada perform in devising and implementing solutions for these issue-areas?

3) How do technological innovations improve societal well-being? What technologies are the most promising in terms of providing medical advances? What are the best ways of supporting the development of societal, medical, and health-related technologies? How might Japan and Canada disseminate domestic 'lessons learned' and 'best practices' to global audiences?

Description

With mixed-teams involving students from both Canadian and Japanese universities, the forum consists of the following:

- Expert lectures & discussions
- Group work based on the conference themes as part of a simulation module, wherein student groups assume the role of various G-7 member-states
- Pre-assignment to prepare for group work related to the simulation
- Final presentations at Embassy of Japan in Ottawa
- Final individual report

This program is open to anyone with a general interest in the theme of “Japan-Canada Relations in an Era of Global Change”. We welcome applications from students in all academic disciplines. Since all activities will be conducted in English, no prior knowledge of the Japanese language is necessary.

Keynote Lecture: TBD

This lecture will be open only to participants in the Japan-Canada Student Forum.

Place

Queen's University, 99 University Avenue, Kingston, Ontario, K7L 3N6, Canada
Embassy of Japan to Canada, 255 Sussex Drive, Ottawa, Ontario, K1N 9E6, Canada

Number of Participants

Japan – 14

Canada – 14

Total – 28

Schedule (tentative)

2019/2/16	Saturday	Canadian and Japanese students arrive
2019/2/17	Sunday	Orientation, reception
2019/2/18	Monday	Lectures, Field trip
2019/2/19	Tuesday	Lectures, Group work
2019/2/20	Wednesday	Lectures, Group work, Field trip
2019/2/21	Thursday	Group work, Travel to Ottawa
2019/2/22	Friday	Presentations, Closing Ceremony
2019/2/23	Saturday	Field Trip

Conditions for Selection of Participants

Undergraduate students or graduate students enrolled in the JACAC member institutions are eligible to apply, though the preference will be given to senior undergraduate students. Successful applicants should demonstrate strong academic performance, interest and experiences in extra-curricular activities, and be a good team-player. They must fulfill all of the following requirements:

- Approximately 14 participants each from Japan and Canada will be selected. *As a rule, we recommend one participant and one alternate from each JACAC member institution.
- Proficient enough in English to prepare materials, participate in discussions, and deliver presentations.
- Highly motivated students who possess a strong interest in the applicable year's forum theme. Prior to the forum, participants should prepare themselves for fruitful discussion by researching on a specific topic of their interest relevant to the main theme.
- Students with previous year's academic score above JASSO GPA 2.0 will be prioritized.

How to calculate GPA for JASSO

Home Institution Grading system		Evaluation Scale			
JASSO GPA =		(No. of Credits for GP3) x3 + (No. of Credits for GP2) x2 + (No. of Credits for GP1) x1 + (No. of Credits for GP0) x0			
		Total number of Restered Credits			
Pattern 2		A	B	C	F
B Pattern 3		100~80 points	79~70 points	69~60 points	59~ points
e Pattern 4	100~90points	89~80 points	79~70 points	69~60 points	59~ points
Pattern 5	S	A	B	C	F
a Pattern 6	A	B	C	D	F
b Grade Points (GP)	3	3	2	1	0

e to participate in all the planned activities of the forum.

- No withdrawal will be allowed after participants are selected. Students must fully understand the requirements and the details of the program before submitting their applications.

Final Evaluation

Your performance will be graded based on the following criteria. Your final grades will be forwarded to your organization after the submission of your final report.

- Pre-assignment 10%
- Attendance & participation 20%
- Group project 50%
- Final report 20%

Costs

Participation Fee: Free

The Japan-Canada Student Forum will bear the costs for :

- Transportation to Kingston from Toronto and from Kingston to Ottawa
 - Participants from Canada: Transportation expenses from the nearest international airport to Toronto International Airport and transportation to Kingston.
 - Participants from Japan: Transportation expenses from either Haneda or Narita International Airport to Toronto International Airport and transportation to Kingston.
 - Ground transportation in Canada and Japan is not included.
 - No extension of stay beyond program schedule is accepted.
- Accommodation expenses in Canada
 - Four Points Sheraton hotel in Kingston
 - Days Inn in Ottawa

Participants are responsible for the following expenses

- Meals
- Local transportation expenses, which are unrelated to the program
- Incidental expenses at accommodation
- Passport and Visa acquisition fees
- Travel insurance

How to Apply

Canadian and Japanese Students:

Students should submit the following to their own universities.

- Complete application form
- Original copy of academic transcript(s)
- Statement of Intent; 500 words maximum; Please be sure to include the following points:
 - How will this program benefit you in your current academic program
 - Comment on any experience working in a team

Method of Selection

Review of documents by Japan-Canada Student Forum Committee

Deadline

Canada: 4:00 pm 10 October, 2018 to your home university

Note

We thank all applicants for their interests; however, only those individuals selected for participation in the Forum will be contacted.