

NATIONAL MODEL UNITED NATIONS 2020

TEAM PROFILE

The project is open to twenty students.

Active teamwork is required throughout the academic year (fall and spring semesters). Individual initiative, a sense of responsibility, and self-drive are key requirements for all participants.

The selection will be based on personal motivation, an individual interview, and proficiency in English.

Your cover letter should respond to the following three questions:

What are you looking for in this team project?

What personal qualities do you have that will help you and your team succeed in this experience?

Do you have any specific experience in the United Nations field (internship, lectures, simulations)?

Please note:

- To be enrolled in this project, you will have to pass an interview on September 7th (to be confirmed). This interview is mandatory.
- Training sessions for public speaking, negotiation, rules of procedure, completion of position papers, establish a marketing and communication strategy will be organized every week, on Tuesday, from 17:00 to 19:00. Attendance is mandatory.

PARTNER

Association Sciences Po pour les Nations Unies (SPNU)

PERSON IN CHARGE OF THE PROJECT

Federico Manfredi, academic advisor

CONTEXT OF THE PROJECT

Since 2001, Sciences Po students and members of the association Sciences Po pour les Nations Unies (SPNU) have participated in the National Model United Nations (NMUN). The NMUN allows university students around the world to practice international negotiations on some of the most challenging foreign affairs topics. From 2016, the Sciences Po team won several awards for its excellent performance. In 2019, the team won 6 awards.

The next NMUN conference **will take place in March (Conf. A) and April (Conf. B) 2020** in New York. The exact dates will be confirmed.

EDUCATIONAL CONTENT

- Immersion in the field of international relations by participating in the NMUN simulation alongside over 220 other universities and 5,000 students, half of which are not American.
- Initiation to bilateral and multilateral negotiation, both in formal and informal sessions (« caucuses ») of the NMUN.
- Experience in project management: creating financial, marketing, and communications plans, working with administrative and outside partners, and taking care of the day-to-day and long-term logistics and organization of the project.
- Teamwork skills and experience, working in a group of 20 fellow-students over one year.

The project is conducted in English, so written and spoken language proficiency is key for all participants. Students can join the project with any level of French. However, due to their specific tasks, it may be necessary to use both English and French.

RESULTS

- Submission of policy papers to the NMUN organization committee in NY in February.
- Participation in the NMUN 2020 conference in March or April
- A written project report.

SCHEDULE

September: selection interviews on September 7th (to be confirmed).

September to March: weekly training

First training meeting: September 10th (to be confirmed)

March: NMUN conference

April: submission of a written project report

METHODOLOGY

Participants must commit to attending weekly meetings on Tuesday from 17:00 to 19:00. Attendance is mandatory for obtaining the credits for project participation.

Due to the variety of tasks that need to be accomplished on behalf of the team, the project has four cells (Training, Logistics, Communications, and Sponsoring) to ensure a clear division of labor. Each student will join one cell, except for two project coordinators who will handle the administrative and organizational aspects of the project and help ensure smooth cooperation between the cells. Each role is equally important.

LOGISTICS

Each student should expect to incur at least 1200 euros of expenses, including, but not limited to, hotel, flight and living expenses.

Successfully finding sponsors will help lower the individual financial burden. However, each student must be able to pay the full amount of these expenses if no sponsors are found.

A visa is required to enter the US, which can be denied by the US Embassy (and was denied in the past for some participants). Make sure you start the visa process early.