

**Michigan State University
Model United Nations
Session XXI**



Introduction for first-time Junior Staff

What is MSUMUN and why should you join?

Michigan State University Model United Nations (MSUMUN) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that is completely run by MSU students. As an organization, MSUMUN hosts annual Model UN conferences at the middle and high school levels. Model United Nations is an interactive debate style that puts students in the shoes of nations and people in the past, present, and future to solve world issues and rewrite history. As a member of MSUMUN you would create and run these scenarios for students by preparing research for them, moderating debate, and sometimes acting out scenarios. We have ample leadership roles to fill every year; joining as a junior staff is the first step to filling one. Additionally, MSUMUN has social events throughout the year for you to meet and get to know our over 100 members. For more info, please see our website here: <https://www.msumun.org/>

What are Junior Staff?

Junior Staff is the largest section of staff in MSU Model United Nations and fill a wide range of positions. Within the category of Junior Staff applicants can serve as Committee Staff, Crisis Staff, and Conference Services & Logistics Staff. Within each of these areas Junior Staff will work with and be guided by Senior Staff who are veteran staff members. **No prior knowledge or experience with Model UN is necessary for Junior Staff! Every applicant will be placed. While this is called an application, think of it more as a placement interest form.**

The time commitment for Junior Staff is difficult to quantify, but Junior Staff can usually expect weekly meetings arranged by their Senior Staff in addition to the mandatory calendar commitments assigned by MSUMUN. The time commitment is greatest in the months of February and March near conference times. Below is a calendar with dates specific to Junior Staff.

MSUMUN XXI Junior Staff Fall Calendar

Please note: Dates are subject to change and all times are tentative

September:

Wednesday Sept 22nd, 6pm: Welcome to MSUMUN XXI Committee Fair

October:

Friday Oct 1st, by 11:59pm: Junior Staff Applications due

Sunday Oct 3rd, all day: Junior Staff Hiring

November:

Saturday Nov 20th, 11:59 pm: Background Guide rough drafts due

Sunday Nov 21st, 12:00 pm: All-Staff Simulation #1

December:

Friday Dec 24th, 11:59 pm: Background Guide final drafts due

Position Descriptions

Below is a description of each Junior Staff position and the committees MSUMUN will be running at Session XXI. **The interest forms for conference service staff are a separate form. You can find them at msumun.org or email c.o.staff@msumun.org.**

Committee Staff:

General Assembly Assistant Chair: Directly assists the Chairperson in running the committee in terms of parliamentary procedure, research topics, and writing background guides.

Specialized Assistant Chair: Directly assists the Chairperson in running the committee in terms of parliamentary procedure, research topics, special committee structure, and writing background guides.

Assistant Crisis Chair: Directly assists the Chairperson in running the committee in terms of parliamentary procedure as well as research topics and writing background guides.

Assistant Crisis Director: Support the Crisis Director with writing crisis drops, press releases, strategic acting, assistance in writing background guides, and other crisis development.

Conference Services Staff:

Logistics: Support USG of Internal Affairs in creating logistics for events and both the conferences, and act as pages for committees at both conferences

Photo Editor: Work with UGS of Technology and Operations in taking and editing photos of MSUMUN events

Tech Assistant: Work with USG of Technology and Operations to maintain and administer MSUMUN technology such as printers, projectors, wireless adapters, and website.

Sales Associate: Sells and advertises MSUMUN merchandise and apparel during the weekend of the conference

MSUMUN XX Committees and Crises

General Assemblies:

IAEA 1986
UN Fifth Committee
UNDP
SPECPOL
UN Commission on the Status of Women

Specialized Committees:

United Nations Security Council
Chicago City Council 1920
Michigan Department of Natural Resources
Canadian Parliament 1970: Fallout from the October Crisis
World Cocoa Foundation
Indigenous Peoples of Africa Coordinating Committee

Crisis Committees:

Red Alert: Fidel Castro's Cabinet, 1959
Democracy or Dictatorship: The Philippines People Power Revolution, 1983
Jamestown: The First Colony, 1607
Council of the Pharaoh's Tomb: Tutankhamun's Tomb, 1922
Furor Teutonicus: Germanic Tribes, 1st Century AD
Camelot: King Arthur's Court
Ad hoc Crisis Committee - Behind the Buttered Curtain: Mutually Assured Destruction with Seuss!

Junior Staff Placement Form

Application Process: Please fill out the following information and save the document with your first and last name in the document title (i.e. Firstname_Lastname.doc). Please send them as either a .doc or a .pdf (No Apple Pages, please!). **Email completed applications to committees@msumun.org and crisis@msumun.org.**

After applications are submitted, MSUMUN will contact you with a time for an interview on October 3rd. All those who apply will be granted an interview of approximately 10 minutes. Interviews are an opportunity for potential staffers to be face-to-face with Senior Staffers to tell them which committees they wish to be a part of and why. **No prior knowledge or experience with Model UN or the committees are needed!**

Application Deadline: Friday, October 1st, at 11:59pm sent to committees@msumun.org and crisis@msumun.org.

General Information:

Please answer the following questions:

Full Name: _____
First *Last*

E-mail: _____

Major(s): _____

Phone Number: _____ Expected Graduation: _____
Month *Year*

College(s): _____

Returning Staff (Y/N): _____ T-Shirt Size: _____

General Questions

- 1) How do you spend your free time (hobbies, interests, etc.)?
- 2) What is a random fact about you?
- 3) What are you most excited about for MSUMUN XX?
- 4) What will you contribute to MSUMUN, and what do you hope to get out of this experience?

- 5) Do you have any previous Model United Nations experience? If so, please list and explain.
- 6) What other time commitments do you have this year? You may include a schedule if available.
- 7) What is your availability on **Sunday, October 3rd, 2021** to interview for Junior Staff?
 - a) Would you prefer an in-person interview, or over Zoom?

Committee and Crisis Questions

- 8) MSUMUN has run committees and crises ranging from Charlemagne's court to a futuristic Mars colony; no place or time is beyond our reach. With this in mind, what regional, social, cultural, historical or other specialized areas are you especially passionate or knowledgeable about?
- 9) Please rank in order from highest to lowest your preference of **all** the committees at MSUMUN XXI and explain your ranking for the first five committees.
- 10) Please rank in order your preferred positions from highest to lowest:

Assistant GA Chair
Assistant Specialized Chair
Assistant Crisis Director
Assistant Crisis Chair
- 11) Is there anything else you would like Senior Staff to know about you?