

Diplomacy Fellowship | Model United Nations Institute 2017



About Best Delegate

Best Delegate is a global education company based in New York City with a mission of empowering future global leaders through Model United Nations. Our long-term goal is to teach Model UN to 1 million students and teachers worldwide. And our vision is make Model UN available and accessible in every country, at every school, for every student in the world.

Best Delegate hosts the Model United Nations Institute every summer at across several of the world's top universities. Best Delegate Training has impacted thousands students and teachers in over 20 countries across the United States, Canada, Latin America, Europe, the Middle East, and Asia. Best Delegate Media, including bestdelegate.com and social media, is the world's leading online resource for Model United Nations, with 700,000+ users from 190+ countries. And Best Delegate Consulting has helped non-profits such as WFUNA and UNA-USA organize Model UN conferences at the United Nations Headquarters.

The Best Delegate team is made up of individuals who share a core value of bringing out the best in other students and teachers. We do this by striving to be the world's leading experts in Model UN, being passionate about the global Model UN community, and creating and delivering professional and high-quality Model UN training.



About the Model United Nations Institute

The [Model United Nations Institute](#) (MUNI) is Best Delegate's premier training program and is the largest Model UN summer program in the world. Over a thousand students from 40+ countries have attended MUNI programs held at multiple universities across the United States in the past few years.

The goal of MUNI is to teach students how to succeed in Model United Nations, and show them that it is both enjoyable and rewarding. Students should walk away feeling more confident about themselves as leaders, feeling more connected to a global community of passionate Model UN participants, and feeling more empowered to create change at their schools and in the world.

MUNI consists of a series of one-week experiential summer programs with different curricula for different skill levels and age groups. MUNI runs programs for students from middle school through high school, and even runs programs for teachers. Each program has a specific focus and teaches key skills needed to succeed at that level. This summer's programs include:

Program Name	Age Group	Program Focus
Diplomat	High School	MUN Fundamentals for Beginner Students
Ambassador	High School	MUN Strategy for Advanced Students
Crisis	High School	MUN Crisis Committees
Secretary-General	High School	MUN Club and Conference Leadership
English Exchange	High School	MUN Fundamentals for English Learners
Junior Diplomat	Middle School	MUN Fundamentals for Beginner Students
MUN Advisor Institute	Adults (Teachers/Advisors)	MUN Program Leadership for Educators

MUNI is staffed by a team of full-time Best Delegate professionals, Program Managers, MUN Mentors, and Residential Counselors. Together, their goal is to deliver the highest quality Model UN training program possible in order to bring the best out of their students.

Mission for the Diplomacy Fellowship

To bring out the best in Model United Nations Institute students by teaching and mentoring them to be leaders through Model United Nations.

The Diplomacy Fellowship is a paid eight week summer fellowship for top university students or graduates with significant Model UN achievements, leadership experience, and interest in educating the next generation of student leaders. As part of the Diplomacy Fellowship, staff serve as “Model UN Mentors” for the Model United Nations Institute. The vast majority of past MUN Mentors have been Presidents, Secretaries-General, Head Delegates, or other leaders within their university Model UN programs. Top Mentors continue on to work on paid Best Delegate workshops and projects throughout the school year.

MUN Mentors will be the staff responsible for classroom instruction and mentoring students who attend MUNI. Mentors will be trained to teach high school and middle school students during the first weeks of the summer, either at Austin College or Southwestern University. Afterward, Mentors will travel with the team to teach and mentor at other programs.

The fellowship term will be from **June 11, 2017 - August 5, 2017**. Mentors must be available during the entire fellowship term. Teaching will take place every weekday of each program, and typical working hours will be from 8am-6pm, in addition to a debrief each evening. MUN Mentors may occasionally be assigned to help assist Residential Counselors with residence hall supervision, weekend trips, or weekend check-in/check-out processes. Assignments to specific programs and locations will be provided after acceptance into the Diplomacy Fellowship, but a possible itinerary could look like the one below:

Week	Dates	Location
Week 1	June 10-17, 2017	Southwestern University
Week 2	June 18-24, 2017	Austin College
Week 3	June 25-July 1, 2017	Georgetown University
Week 4	July 2-8, 2017	Georgetown University
Week 5	July 9-15, 2017	Georgetown University
Week 6	July 16-22, 2017	Harvard University
Week 7	July 23-29, 2017	Harvard University
Week 8	July 30-August 5, 2017	Harvard University or UCLA

Responsibilities and Outcomes

Model UN Mentors will be responsible for teaching lessons to classrooms of 30-60 students and leading breakout groups for delegations of 8-12 students at the high school and middle school levels. A typical day during the program will include interactive lessons on particular leadership skills or topics followed by delegation breakout practice sessions or activities. On most days, the lessons will be tied together through Model UN activities, and time will be spent on individual student evaluation and feedback.

Specifically, the expected outcomes from your work as a MUN Mentor include:

- Teaching at least one lesson a day for the entire class and preparing for the lesson accordingly (presentations and materials will be provided).
- Providing daily individualized feedback during breakout sessions for public speaking, research, and negotiation to generate significant student improvement.
- Facilitating a fun and educational environment through mentoring and ice-breakers, particularly during meal times, breaks, and evenings in the residence hall.
- Ensuring a safety week for all students at the program at all times.
- High student feedback scores from the students in your delegations.

MUN Mentors will be expected to be able to teach a variety of lessons designed for different age groups and skill levels. The vast majority of the programs that Mentors will teach will be Diplomat (beginners), Ambassador (advanced), and Junior Diplomat (middle school beginners). Some Mentors will teach the specialized programs that only take place once or twice during the summer: Crisis, Secretary-General, and English Exchange Programs.

Curriculum will be differentiated for each program, and the expectation will be that Mentors can prepare for and teach any lesson necessary. MUN Mentors will receive training on professional techniques in classroom teaching, coaching, delivering feedback, chairing, classroom management, and supervision & safety. Additionally, Mentors will be expected to study some preparatory reading materials before arrival at the program, including curriculum, health and safety regulations, and other general informational items. The goal is for all Mentors to deliver the highest quality educational experience at the Best Delegate standard.

Qualifications

The Diplomacy Fellowship is a competitive program that seeks to recruit Best Delegates who are capable of bringing out the best in other highly talented and passionate delegates.

Applicants should demonstrate the following criteria:

Background

- Currently attending or graduated from a university with a strong Model UN program.
- Minimum age of applicants is 18 years old. Applicants who are 21+ are preferred.
- Citizens or residents who are legally allowed to work in the United States. If not, applicants must not require sponsorship for a visa to enter the United States during the fellowship term and will be responsible for all visa applications and fees if not a US citizen.
- Must pass a background check upon conditional acceptance into the program.

Model UN Experience

- Demonstrated track record of winning awards as a delegate with preference given to those who are part of a top-ranked university Model UN travel team.
- Experience with classroom teaching or lesson planning is highly preferred, and experience training a travel team or with outreach programs is also preferred.
- Experience chairing committees as a university student and expertise in standard North American procedure is required.
- Experience with crisis committees or conference organizing is a plus.
- Past experience as a participant in the Model United Nations Institute or in the North America high school circuit, particularly for a top-ranked travel team, is a plus.

Competencies

- Understands how to deliver a high quality educational experience to students.
- Ability to explain complex concepts in simple, organized frameworks and formulas.
- Research, writing, and editing skills must be at an advanced university level.
- Enjoys working with students and possesses a fun and engaging personality.
- Comfortable in providing honest feedback and mentoring to students.
- Willingness to go above and beyond to ensure the program is as successful as possible.

Cultural Values

- Always striving to bring out the best in others -- in their students, teammates, and themselves -- in order to prepare today's students to be tomorrow's leaders
- Passion for the global Model UN community
- Open to constructive and honest feedback
- Professionalism in communication, teamwork, and work ethic

Benefits

The total compensation for the Diplomacy Fellowship is valued at around \$10,000 as it includes several stipends, housing, meals, and transportation. Benefits for the Diplomacy Fellowship include:

- \$3,500 stipend for the Fellowship
- \$350 travel stipend to arrive in Austin, Texas on June 10, 2017 and depart from either Boston or Los Angeles on August 5, 2017. The travel stipend is location neutral and not subject to adjustment.
- \$50 technology stipend for phone and data usage.
- Housing will be provided throughout the Fellowship term arriving on June 10, 2017 and departing on August 5, 2017.
- 17 meals will be provided each week. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be provided during all weekday program dates. Saturday breakfast and Sunday dinner will be provided. Meals for the day will be provided if staff are working either Saturday or Sunday for residential check-in/check-out or weekend trips.
- Flights, trains, or local transportation between program locations is covered.
- Certificate of Completion and MUN Institute Gavel upon passing Staff Training during the first week.
- Best Delegate lapel pin and Best Delegate T-shirt.

Application

Highly qualified candidates interested in this position can access the application form through this [link](#). The application deadline is **January 31, 2017**. High potential candidates will be selected for a phone or Skype interview. Any questions regarding the application can be sent to erik@bestdelegate.com.