

# Position Paper Awards

Position papers are a critical part of delegate preparation. They require delegates to illustrate their knowledge of the agenda topics at hand, affirm the positions their country takes on these topics, and recommend courses of action to effectively address contemporary global problems.

For Conference Staff, position papers provide an effective indication of which issues capture delegates' interest, and they help Directors and Assistant Directors design a strategy for the facilitation of committee debate. In addition, position papers often identify which delegates are best prepared for the conference and are most likely to take a strong leadership role in committee sessions. HAMUN will grant separate Position Paper Awards in recognition of outstanding pre-conference preparation. While HAMUN emphasizes the educational significance of delegate participation, the organization also looks to recognize delegates who have put exceptional work into their preparation for the conference, as seen through the position papers.

To be considered for a Position Paper Award, delegations must have met the submission deadline. Position Paper Awards will be announced during the last committee session of the conference. The following criteria are used by the conference staff to evaluate position papers:

- Overall quality of writing, proper formatting, grammar, etc.;
- Citation of relevant international, regional, and national resolutions / documents;
- General consistency with bloc / geopolitical positions and constraints;
- Consistency with the constraints of the UN;
- Analysis of issues and the use of original research, rather than reiteration of the Committee Background Guide.