

UCBMUN Position Paper Guidelines

UCBMUN requires the submission of position papers for every General Assembly and Specialized Body Committee. The deadline for submissions this year is February 22, 2020, at 11:59 pm PST, to the form at https://ucbmun.org/position_papers/, found on our website under the “Resources” tab.

The UCBMUN Secretariat hopes that these position papers will enable delegates to come to our conference prepared to debate and contribute their ideas. Therefore, it is highly recommended that delegates follow the structure given in this guideline to optimize their time spent preparing for committee. **Delegates in the Group of Latin America and the Caribbean 2020 (GRULAC) should refer to the Background Guide, Section 2.2, for the proper position paper format, which differs from this guideline.** Delegates will not be eligible for awards if they do not turn in a position paper.

Each position paper should be no more than one page in length, and each delegation is responsible for one paper per topic. (For example, a single delegate in ESCWA will produce two pages total, one for Topic A and one for Topic B, while a delegate and their partner in DISEC will also produce only two pages total) Each paper should contain three paragraphs, consisting of the following:

1. **Topic Background.** Describe the topic, focusing on the most significant facets of the topic. This paragraph should delve beyond the information stated in the background guide, and it may include stats or facts that can be used in debate, cause and effect analysis of why the aforementioned facets are important, and/or other relevant details.
2. **Country/Character Policy and (Inter)National Involvement.** Explain your country’s or character’s stance on the topic as a whole and issues highlighted in the previous paragraph. If there are unique or distinct policies that will shape how a country/character will behave in debate, provide context here. If there are pertinent international agreements, past UN Resolutions or Summits, geopolitically important bodies or collective stances, and/or conspicuous responses to said agreements your country/character has had, delegates should touch upon them in this section.
3. **Possible Solutions.** The most important deliverable at UCBMUN is the proposal and debate of substantive, well-reasoned, and feasible solutions to the issues at the core of the topic area. This section should be the longest of the three sections.

Citations can be in any scholastically acceptable format. If delegates have committee-specific questions about their position paper, they should send an email to the chair(s) of that committee. Committee

emails can be found at the top of each committee page on ucbmun.org. If there are general or logistical questions about position papers, please reach out to our Internal Chiefs of Staff, Gamin Kim and Rithika Neti, at cos-internal@ucbmun.org.