About Model UN at SMU
In Model UN, participants engage in a simulation of the practices, actions and debates of the real United Nations. Students participate in all branches of the UN including the General Assembly (GA), the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the Specialized Agencies (SA). Delegates are assigned country positions in their various committees and are to debate and discuss their country’s position in a realistic simulation of the UN. Over a series of sessions, delegates are given the opportunity to debate, advocate and ultimately collaborate over a certain topic in an effort to arrive at a solution that can actually be implemented (www.WorldMUN.org).

SMU’s Model UN team participates in a major conference each fall and spring. The team is tentatively scheduled to participate in the following conferences: National Collegiate Security Conference at Georgetown University, University of Pennsylvania Model UN Conference (UPMUNC), Harvard National Model UN Conference (HMUN), Model United Nations of the University of Chicago (MUNUC), and the World Model UN Conference.

Requirements and Expectations:
MUN is a serious commitment in both time and academic effort. Delegates are expected to engage in extensive preparation prior to the conference, attend all meetings and practice sessions, and all conference committee sessions. In addition, student delegates are expected to participate in outside fund-raising activities prior to conferences. There will be an expectation of considerable time commitment, both inside and outside organized meetings. Students should also be aware that conferences often require students to miss class. Although this is an official university sponsored organization, student delegates are responsible for arranging, in advance, to make-up any missed coursework and assignments.

Cost
Most of the costs associated with attending the Model UN conferences are generously funded with grants from the SMU Student Senate, the Tower Center for Political Studies, and private foundations. We also participate in fund-raising activities throughout the year. Unfortunately, this does not cover all the costs of attendance, and individual delegates are expected to bear some of the expenses and personal costs during the conference. We make every effort to limit this amount.

Selection
Delegates to the conference are selected based on a written application, resumé, recommendation and an interview by a screening committee. The number of participating students varies by year.

Applications are due Tuesday, September 8 at 5:00 PM.
Please return applications to the SMU IRC folder in the SAMSA (3rd floor Hughes-Trigg).

Interest Meetings
Tuesday, September 1 in Porticos BCD at 6:30 pm
Wednesday, September 2 in Promenades AB at 6:30 pm
Candidate Information
Name:
Phone: 
Email: 
GPA: 
Date of Expected Graduation: 
Major(s) and Minor(s):

Please submit your answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper.
1. Describe your qualifications for participation in Model UN. Include any past experience in MUN, debate, or any other activities that you feel are relevant. What skills can you bring to the team?

2. Why are you interested in Model UN? What do you hope to gain from participating in SMU’s Model UN team?

3. Briefly describe an international issue that interests you. Why does this subject interest you? What UN bodies and agencies address this issue? How would you change the way the subject is addressed internationally?

Application Agreement
By submitting this application, I understand that if I am accepted as a delegate, I am required to attend any assigned conferences, and that I am responsible for all missed committee work associated with preparation for and attendance of conferences.

Although the Model UN program makes every effort to cover the costs associated with MUN conferences, I understand that I may be required to contribute a portion of the costs not covered by the University. By signing this application, I certify that I am able to legally travel outside the US, and that all the information contained in this application is true.

Applicant Signature: 
Date:

Questions may be directed to the IRC President Nicola Muchnikoff at nmuchnik@smu.edu.