



# International Monterrey Model United Nations Simulation

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## Award Criteria

The Chair of each committee awards the prizes of Best Delegate, Honorary Mention, and Best Position Paper to the most successful participants. In each committee there will be one Best Delegate, one Best Position Paper, and two Honorary Mention awards that may be given. In order to ensure a fair process in the selection of the winning students, the Chairs will base their decision on the following guidelines when choosing the awarded delegates:

**Preparation:** The delegate must know the position of his or her country in two world issues (one in the case of committees crisis). This includes knowing about historical events related to the subject, as well as knowing the different views of the people of their country, the previous actions of the government on the situation, and the current state of the conflict being discussed. Overall, the delegate must have a clearly defined direction when addressing the issue at hand and where the committee should be headed regarding a solution.

**Position Papers:** Position Papers must demonstrate that the author has a firm position on the issue, consistent with the policies of the country it represents. Such documents should be written properly, and must state why the topic being discussed concerns his or her country. Additionally, it is essential that the delegates provide solutions that apply to the committee as a whole, satisfying the majority. Position Papers serve as a resource for delegates; therefore, it is necessary that the views expressed by the delegates in their position papers are consistent with their statements during the sessions. In order for delegates to be eligible for the Best Position Paper award, they must submit their document prior to the event. An email will be sent to advisors with a link to a survey where delegates should submit their Position Papers. Delegates do not need to submit their Position Paper in order to be eligible for Best Delegate or Honorary Mention however, Chairs will take them into consideration if a delegate chooses to submit it.

**Argumentative skills:** The delegate delivers specific and elaborate arguments that highlight the position of his or her country in the debate. In addition, participation in such debates should serve the purpose of stimulating the level of discussion and inspire fellow delegates to express their country's views. Ideally, the delegate should persuade other participants to change their opinions in order to reach a consensus. It is essential that the delegate dominate the art of debate and argumentation.

**Leadership:** The award for Best Delegate will not be awarded to participants who took an aggressive stance against fellow delegates. The Best Delegate does not try to attract attention nor does he or she remain obstinate to their argument; rather, the delegate hears others' points of views and incorporates them into a solution that satisfies the majority. The delegate must lead the committee in developing an appropriate resolution to the issue being debated; for this

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reason, the Best Delegate, besides being circumspect, should facilitate the participation of all delegates, in order to gather as many opinions on the subject.

**Resolution:** The Best Delegate must assume a prominent role during the drafting of the resolution(s). Although it is not required that the Best Delegate actually write or implement the final resolution, they should contribute some of their solutions and ideas, consistent with the position and aspirations of their country. When developing the resolution it is imperative that the Best Delegate adheres to the principles of the United Nations and seeks, as the main aim of the resolution, to encourage the creation of a global community that lives in harmony.

**Participation:** It is required that the distinguished, awarded students attend all two days of the event. However, if an eminent delegate fails to attend one or more sessions due to a justifiable situation, do not take this into account when making the final decision. Although in order to win an award, the delegate must attend at least one session per day. Seeing as this simulation will be held entirely online, delegates should have their cameras on at all times and their microphones should only be on when the moderator has granted them permission to speak. Unless a delegate has any issues with their device or their internet connection, this will become a very relevant indicator to the attention that they are paying to the debate.

The Chair should consider the importance and specific role of each country in their respective committee. For example, if a delegate representing Costa Rica contributes in an engaging manner during a discussion of the Civil War in Syria, they could outperform (in terms of scoring) a delegate from Syria in the committee. This is due to the fact that the theme or subject matter favors the Syrian delegate.

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