What is JASC?
The Japan-America Student Conference (JASC) is a student-led exchange program, initiated in 1934 by university students concerned by the growing strains in bilateral relations prior to the second World War. Today, an equal number of students from the U.S. and Japan are competitively selected each year to spend 3 weeks in the summer together. Throughout the program delegates will study and analyze Japan-U.S. relations while visiting four diverse regions in the host country. JASC alternates its host country each year, emphasizing the personal connections between the two distinct cultures, gathered together in one place.

The Conference Roundtables
Delegates from both Japan and America are divided into seven Roundtable groups each of which focuses on a specific theme that relates to the developments of both Japan and America in a global context. Throughout the conference delegates in these groups engage in debate and discussion and strive for the ultimate goal of mutual understanding.

Field Trips and Speakers
Across the four sites will be multiple field trips to not only symbolic locations of the U.S., but also those that encompass American culture and ideals through hands-on experiences. Delegates will also hear from speakers who are opinion leaders and experts in their respective fields and engage in discussion.

Special Topics
In addition to the roundtables, delegates will also have the opportunity to engage with sensitive issues and topics that relate to the respective site. These discussions foster a diversity of opinions and ideas which lead to both personal and worldly insights.

Reflection
The conference is at times exhausting. JASC’s trademark reflection meetings have become many previous delegates’ highlights of the entire program. Delegates collect their thoughts and emotions in silence and when ready express anything on their minds. The emotions are very real and relatable.

Roundtable Topics
- Cultural Shifts in the Modernizing World
- Democracy & Ideal Government
- Developing the Future through Science
- Future of Education and Cyberspace Usage
- Globalization and Economic Development
- Identity: Self & Nation
- Law, Society, and our Changing Future

"JASC is about life-changing experiences and friendships that grow from a foundation of mutual understanding."

-Danny Jeon, 68th JASC American Chair

Eligibility
Students enrolled at undergraduate and graduate institutions in the US are eligible to apply. No language background in Japanese is required. We are always looking for applicants from a variety of backgrounds.