

APPLICATION GUIDELINES for the 2020 Students' HIROSHIMA Summit to Think about Peace

1. Objective

Selected students from different countries studying at Hiroshima University will discuss and make presentations on the importance of peace. They will look squarely at tragedies such as atomic bombings, genocides, the abuse of prisoners of war (POWs), and famine by conflict or environmental disaster. Then they will derive lessons for reconciliation and lasting peace to think about the future of our world.

2. The theme for 2020

Threatened by the global outbreak of COVID-19, our society is struggling to defend people's daily lives. However, as the peril of the coronavirus continues to evolve, it is also critical to continue engaging in serious intellectual debate regarding the total abolition of nuclear weapons. Consider, for instance, the situation in which the 2020 Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Review Conference was indefinitely suspended due to the health hazard caused by the novel coronavirus outbreak. Consequently, Discussion on nuclear disarmament was shelved.

Under such circumstances, especially in 2020 – which marks the 75th anniversary of the atomic bomb explosion in Hiroshima – students from Hiroshima University will develop a set of principles for both civil and international societies to pass on the atomic bomb experience to future generations, as well as to advance nuclear disarmament. Learning from HIROSHIMA's atomic bomb experiences, the students will form the 2020 students' HIROSHIMA declaration, which seeks lasting peace, and envisions the post-novel coronavirus era.

Had it not been for the outbreak of the coronavirus, we would have allowed students from outside Hiroshima University to apply. However, the eligibility for participation at the 2020 summit is limited to the students at Hiroshima University.

3. Description of activities

- The selected students will have intensive debates over three sessions between June and July 2020.
- The atomic bomb survivor (*hibakusha*) is expected to join one of the students' talks.
- The selected students will take part in the research seminar(s) hosted by the Center for Peace at Hiroshima University.
- The participants will use English and Japanese.
- The staff members of the Center for Peace will provide three sessions of short lectures between June and July 2020.
- The selected students will develop a set of principles for both civil and international society to pass on the atomic bomb experience to future generations, as well as to advance nuclear disarmament.

- The students will devise the 2020 students' HIROSHIMA declaration in English and Japanese on August 5 and will deliver it to the President of Hiroshima University on August 6.
- A series of events will be held virtually or with social distancing.

4. Application and selection procedures

- Selection: Open call for students at Hiroshima University
- Number of students selected: 8 (Maximum)
- Eligible applicants:
 - Those who are enrolled as students at Hiroshima University as of August 6, 2020
 - Those who have Internet access
 - Those who can communicate with others in English
 - A certain level of Japanese language proficiency (speaking skills) is desirable
- Application deadline: June 7, 2020
- **Documents required to submit:**
 - Application form
 - Essay on "The role of HIROSHIMA in the world of the post-novel coronavirus era" (between 500 and 800 words, excluding the title and your name)
 - E-mail these documents to heiwa@hiroshima-u.ac.jp with the heading "Application for the 2020 Students' HIROSHIMA Summit" in the subject line
- Results of the selection:
 - The members of the Center for Peace will choose the final candidates.
 - The selected candidates will be informed by e-mail by June 12, 2020.

5. For questions, please contact:

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Note: We will not respond to any inquiry concerning the selection process.