

Position Paper Guidelines

A position paper is a short, written document that details a country or entity's position on the topics that will be discussed in their committee. A position paper is designed to help prepare the delegate for the conference by clearly organizing their assigned country's position on the topics at hand.

In order to be eligible for an award, you must submit a position paper to your committee's email by March 1st, 11:59pm. Emails can be found on the website on each committee page. If you have any questions about position papers, please email mun@utmsu.ca.

FORMATTING GUIDELINES

The following formatting guidelines are implemented for position papers accepted by UTMMUN 2019:

1. The document must be written single spaced, using Times New Roman and 12-point font.
2. Citations in the Chicago Manual of Style 16th edition should be used. The references should be on a separate page, at the end of your position paper.
3. Identify your name, your country, and your committee on every page.

CONTENT GUIDELINES

1. The length of the position paper will depend on the number of topics that have been assigned, but we expect approximately one page per topic. For example, if there are two topics, delegates should submit at least three pages, including your references page.
2. The paper should introduce the topic in context of your country or corporation, and it should provide an overview for the how the policy issue has developed. Delegates should provide feasible policy solutions and proposals for solving the problems at hand. Ultimately, delegates can structure this information in a way they see fit. However, we recommend the following structure:
 - a. A short introduction to the topic in the context of your country or corporation.
 - b. Policy content that addresses historical or current developments in the corporation or country's policy for the proposed topic: how it has evolved, what direction has been taken to address the issues, or otherwise what has not been feasible and why.
 - c. Policy suggestions and solutions that the delegate views as realistic and feasible for the topic and which are applicable to committee but are in keeping with the country or corporation's values.

HOW CAN MY POSITION PAPER QUALIFY ME FOR AN AWARD?

1. Position papers that are factually-accurate, well-cited, and indicative of a thoughtful and thorough research process are favoured by the award selection committee.

2. Solutions and policy proposals that are creative and substantive to debate are favoured by the award selection committee.
3. Position papers that do not deviate or stray from the country or corporation's real-life position, are submitted on time, and follow the guidelines above are favoured by the award selection committee.