



MODEL WTO

APPLICATION RULES & GUIDELINES

December 1, 2019



Welcome!

We are very glad that you are interested in applying to the Model WTO 2020! Please, before starting the application make sure to read through these Rules and Guidelines as it will provide you with some important information regarding the application process, requirements and the conference itself. Good luck!

Once you submit your application, no changes will be possible! Non-compliance with these rules may be used as grounds for ineligibility for participation.

In case you have any doubts or questions regarding the conference or application procedure, please do not hesitate to contact us at applications@model-wto.org, we are happy to help!

1) Model WTO 2020

- Dates: The conference will be held from the **2nd to 9th of April 2020**
- Location: St. Gallen and Geneva (Switzerland)
- Topic: Environmental Sustainability and the WTO
- Approximate schedule: you can familiarize with the [last year's schedule](#)
- At the conference you will have a chance to win one of the awards: the best essay or the best delegate. So put all your effort into the creation of the essay and fruitful negotiations!

2) Application Process and Requirements

- The application is open to all university students, enrolled in a Bachelor, Master or PhD programme at the moment of application. Young professionals are welcome to apply as well, however, preference is given to students.
- We do not discriminate applicants based on their ethnicity, gender, religion, sexual orientation, disability or socioeconomic status.
- Applications timeline:

Phase	Dates
Application period	01.12.2019 - 19.01.2020 <i>(extended 10.02.2020)</i>
Invitation received	By 05.02.2020 <i>(17.02.2020)</i>
Confirmation of participation	By 10.02.2020 <i>(23.02.2020)</i>
Committee and country allocation	By 20.02.2020 <i>(28.02.2020)</i>



- All fields (exception: University name) must be filled out in **English**
- Before proceeding to the application form, please prepare the following:
 - i) A short statement about your motivation to participate in the conference and why you believe that you would be a suitable candidate (max 300 words)
 - ii) Your CV (max 2 pages) in **English** as a **pdf file** (max 300 KB) named as follows:
Name_Surname_HomeUniversity_CV.pdf
 - iii) An essay (max 2 pages) in **English** as a **pdf file** (max 300 KB) named
Name_Surname_HomeUniversity_Essay.pdf on the following topic:

“Sustainable development, including environmental sustainability, is one of the objectives of the WTO. Do you think that the WTO is fulfilling this aspiration? Why? Why not?”

- iv) Tip: you can use www.ilovepdf.com to convert and reduce the size of the files.
 - v) If you wish to demonstrate other relevant outstanding achievements, you may upload additional documents such as language test results, diplomas, academic and extracurricular achievements etc. Please submit those as a **single pdf file** (max 2 MB) and named as follows:
Name_Surname_HomeUniversity_extra.pdf.
- We reserve the right to request a short phone/Skype call as a part of the admission process.



3) Participation Fee

- Upon successful application and receipt of invitation, you will be asked to pay a participation fee of 380 Swiss Francs
- You will only be asked to pay the fee after confirming the participation
- This fee includes:
 - i) Participation in the whole program of the conference incl. negotiations, workshops, keynote speeches, visit to the WTO headquarters and missions in Geneva
 - ii) Accommodation for the whole period of the conference:
 - *2-6th of April 2020 in St. Gallen:* As we would like to provide you with a true student experience of our university, in St. Gallen you will be hosted by a student. If you prefer to organise your own accommodation at your costs, please indicate so in the application form.
 - *7-9th of April 2020 in Geneva:* During our 3-day stay in Geneva (2 nights), you will be living in a hotel for which the costs are included in your participation fee.
 - ii) Transport from St. Gallen to Geneva on the 7th of April and transport from Geneva to St. Gallen (with a stop at the Zurich Airport) on the 9th of April 2020.
 - iii) Food (breakfast, lunch and dinner) for the period from the 3rd to the 8th of April and breakfast on the 9th of April
 - iv) 2 social events (one in St. Gallen and one in Geneva)



5) Travel to Switzerland

- Travel arrangements and expenses are the responsibility of participants themselves
- In case you require a visa, a confirmation of acceptance and a letter of support will be provided upon request (please contact Alina Podkolodnaya, our Head of Participants, via alina.podkolodnaya@model-wto.org)

6) Further Information

- If you have any further questions, please consult our [FAQ page](#) or contact us via email at applications@model-wto.org