

A map of North America, including Canada, the United States, and Mexico, is shown. The map is densely covered with numerous colorful pushpins of various colors (red, blue, green, yellow, orange, black, white, pink, purple) pinned to it, particularly concentrated in the United States and Mexico. The text 'UN+ CHARTERED' is overlaid on the top left of the map.

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## NORTH AMERICA LEADERSHIP TOUR 2019 - DELEGATE APPLICATION PACK

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# Thank you for taking an interest in UN Youth's North America Leadership Tour (NALT) of 2019!

This application pack is designed to provide you with some information about the Tour, including its itinerary, costs, the application process, and frequently asked questions. You must read through the pack in its entirety before submitting your delegate application.

Should you have any further questions, please feel free to email the Co-Directors at [naleadershiptour@unyouth.org.nz](mailto:naleadershiptour@unyouth.org.nz). You may also like to attend a free information session either online or in person. Visit the UN Youth New Zealand Facebook page for more details.







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# WHAT IS THE NORTH AMERICA LEADERSHIP TOUR?

The North America Leadership Tour will provide tertiary students with a once in a lifetime opportunity to engage with prominent international organisations, government agencies, global business, universities and NGOs. These unique meetings will provide learning opportunities, networking, and insight into potential future career pathways.

The Tour also gives participants the chance to compete in the world's largest, oldest and most prestigious Model United Nations conference: the Harvard National Model United Nations (HNMUN).

The North America Leadership Tour is a reinvention of the United States Leadership Tour. The vision remains similar, but the trip has been widened to include visits to Mexico City and Montreal to broaden the educational and cultural value of the Tour.

Fourteen talented New Zealand tertiary students will be selected by UN Youth New Zealand as young ambassadors for their universities and Aotearoa. They will form an international delegation and embark on an educational tour of North America in January 2019, visiting six incredible cities over four unforgettable weeks. You could be among them!

The tour includes a three-day planning weekend before the trip. This will take place on 30 November to 2 December. The planning weekend is compulsory for all participants to attend in its entirety. It will be used to organise trip logistics, training and educational workshops as well as for the delegates to familiarise themselves with each other.

The delegation will be staffed by two Co-Directors, Emily Tyler and Liesje de Bruin. They are responsible for the planning and execution of every aspect of the tour and pastoral care of the delegation while travelling.

# WHAT WILL THE TOUR INVOLVE?

## SCHEDULE

Fly out of Auckland on 21 January 2019

22 January to 27 January	San Francisco
28 January to 31 January	Mexico City
1 February to 6 February	Washington DC
7 February to 12 February	New York City
13 February to 17 February	Boston
18 February to 21 February	Montreal

Fly back into Auckland on the 23rd February 2019

## EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS

During the tour, the delegation will meet with an extensive range of leading organisations and prominent individuals from a range of different sectors. These meetings will enable delegates to develop their understanding of each sector, provide invaluable research for conference preparation, as well as showcase the different career paths that exist in these fields. Each city has been specifically chosen for the potential meetings it offers.

The meeting schedule will be confirmed closer to the tour. The Co-Directors will aim to tailor the meetings to the interests of the delegates who are selected for the North America Leadership Tour.



# WHAT WILL THE TOUR INVOLVE?

## EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS

Some of the organisations the delegation has met with in the past include:

- United Nations
- Google
- World Bank
- Facebook
- Permanent Mission of New Zealand to the UN
- Wikimedia
- New Zealand Trade & Enterprise
- Embassy of New Zealand
- Centre for Justice and Accountability
- Uber
- Human Rights Watch
- Global Fund for Women
- US Department of State.

## HARVARD NATIONAL MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Founded only a decade after the creation of the United Nations, HNMUN is the largest, oldest, and most prestigious conference of its kind. It brings together over 3000 students from universities around the world to simulate the activities of the United Nations. HNMUN offers a unique opportunity to experience the challenges of international negotiation and diplomacy.

The 64th session of HNMUN will be held in downtown Boston from Thursday 14 February to Sunday 17 February 2019. Throughout the conference, delegates will gain insight into the workings of the UN by actively participating in the resolution of important global issues. Participants will work with hundreds of other motivated students towards common goals of furthering international awareness and building consensus. This will take place within a lively social setting.

# WHAT WILL THE TOUR INVOLVE?

## HARVARD NATIONAL MODEL UNITED NATIONS

As part of the North America Leadership Tour, you will receive training on the issues that may be discussed, procedures of debate, and lobbying. The delegation will be assigned a country to represent together. Delegates will be split among various committees in order to represent the assigned country's views on the topics being debated. You may work in pairs or you may work alone, depending on your committee allocation. Over four days, each committee will address one or two topics of international significance. The wide range of committees offered gives every delegate a chance to pursue a topic of interest.

HNMMUN is a Model UN conference that is truly unparalleled in scale and excellence. If you would like further information - including the tentative conference schedule and committee descriptions - take a look at the HNMMUN website: <http://www.hnmmun.org>.

## CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

In between meetings and conference preparation, the delegation will also spend time exploring famous attractions. The group will bond over a variety of educational activities in each city, taking in all of the political, historical and cultural sites that North America has to offer.

As with the meetings, the schedule of group activities will be confirmed closer to the tour. The Co-Directors will try to target the activities towards the delegation's interests.



# WHAT WILL THE TOUR INVOLVE?

## CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Some of the attractions the delegation has visited on the mainland in the past include:

- **San Francisco:** Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz, Castro District and UN Plaza
- **Washington DC:** National Mall, Capitol Hill and the Pentagon
- **New York City:** UN Headquarters, Times Square and Top of the Rock
- **Boston:** Harvard University.

The attractions being discussed for our new cities include:

- **Mexico City:** Historic Centre, Frida Kahlo's House, Teotihuacan Pyramids
- **Montreal:** Old Montreal, Atwater market, Mont Royal

Group activities will be balanced against free time in each city, where delegates will have the opportunity to go on their own adventures.





# TRAVEL LOGISTICS

## INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

The Co-Directors will organise all international flights. Delegates are responsible for organising their own travel to and from the Planning Weekend as well as to and from Auckland Airport at the start and end of the tour.

## DOMESTIC TRAVEL

Domestic Travel The Co-Directors will also organise all domestic travel within each of the three countries visited as required for the planned activities. This includes trains, public transport, and Ubers or taxis. Delegates are responsible for organising their own transport within the cities during free time.

## ACCOMMODATION

The Co-Directors will arrange all accommodation during the Tour. The accommodation will be comprised of a mix of hostels and hotels as the Co-Directors see fit. During HNMUN, we will be staying at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel.

Rooming arrangements will be operated on a mixed-gender model unless otherwise requested. A comprehensive survey on accommodation preferences will be distributed closer to the tour to assist the Co-Directors in making arrangements.

## VISA REQUIREMENTS

For New Zealand passport holders, visas will not be required for the delegation for the United States, Mexico or Canada. However, all delegates must submit ESTA applications to the United States authorities. You will also need to hold a current passport that will expire at least six months after the completion of the tour.

For holders of non-New Zealand passports, you will be responsible for researching and making your own visa arrangements.



# FINANCES

The estimated delegate fee for the North America Leadership Tour is **\$7800**.

UN Youth New Zealand reserves the right to vary the delegate fee within 10% of the quoted value.

## WHAT THE DELEGATE FEE COVERS

FLIGHTS AND INTERCITY TRAVEL	ALL ACCOMMODATION	HNMMUN
Auckland to San Francisco	San Francisco (five nights)	Registration fee for the delegation
San Francisco to Mexico City	Mexico City (four nights)	Delegate fee
Mexico City to Washington DC	Washington DC (six nights)	
Washington DC to New York	New York (seven nights)	
New York to Boston	Boston (five nights)	
Boston to Montreal	Montreal (three nights)	
Montreal to Auckland		



# FINANCES

## WHAT THE DELEGATE FEE COVERS

CITY SPENDING	FOOD	OTHER
Transport to and from all airports	All breakfasts	Comprehensive travel insurance
Transport to meetings	At least one group dinner per city	US mobile phone SIM cards and plans
Entrance fees for group activities	Snacks during HNMUN	First Aid Kits

## PLANNING WEEKEND

Accommodation
All food
Organised social activities
Training materials



# FINANCES

## WHAT THE DELEGATE FEE DOES NOT COVER

The delegate fee does not cover:

- Transport to and from Planning Weekend
- Transport to and from Auckland Airport at the start and end of the tour
- Transport to meetings immediately preceded or followed by free time
- Lunches and most dinners
- ESTA application for New Zealand passport holders or visa application for non-New Zealand passport holders
- Personal shopping and activities delegates choose to do during free time.

## PAYMENT SCHEDULES

DATE	AMOUNT
1 October 2018	\$1950
1 November 2018	\$1950
1 December 2018	\$1950
1 January 2019	\$1950

If the first payment (due 1 October 2018) is late without notice, delegates will be removed from the delegation and their places will be offered to other applicants from the waitlist. If subsequent payments are late, UN Youth New Zealand may charge additional administrative fees. If subsequent payments are more than one month late, delegates may be removed from the delegation at the discretion of UN Youth New Zealand.



# FINANCES

## REFUNDS

The first two payments (due 1 October 2018 and 1 November 2018) are non-refundable. Should a delegate withdraw on or before 31 December 2018, they will be eligible to receive a refund for the third and fourth payments only. Should a delegate withdraw on or after 1 January 2019, they will not be eligible for any refund. Should a delegate withdraw at any point, they will be liable for any applicable name-change fees associated with the tour.

## SPONSORSHIP

The Co-Directors will seek sponsorship on behalf of the delegation from various sources. However, delegates are highly encouraged to seek individual sponsorship. Indeed, previous delegates have had their UN Youth international trips fully sponsored. Finance does not need to be great barrier to students who are enthusiastic about participating in the North America Leadership Tour if sponsorship opportunities are fully taken advantage of. The Co-Directors will prepare materials to aid with individual sponsorship applications.

Sources of funding that delegates could consider are:

- Universities
- Community grants, foundations and charities
- Local Members of Parliament and government departments
- Businesses
- Individuals

All previous delegations received significant sponsorship for their tours through group and individual efforts. The Co-Directors hope to continue this success for the North America Leadership Tour 2019.



# FINANCES

## ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

In the interests of promoting accessibility to the tour, UN Youth New Zealand may be able to accommodate alternative financial arrangements in some cases. If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact the Co-Directors.





# ABOUT THE CO-DIRECTORS

## EMILY TYLER

Emily is a final year Bachelor of Laws student at Victoria University of Wellington. She originally comes from Hamilton, however has spend most of her childhood overseas (mostly in the Philippines).

Emily became involved with UN Youth in 2016 as a member of the Wellington Regional Council and has recently helped organise Aotearoa Youth Declaration 2018 as Relations Officer.

Outside of her studies and UN Youth, Emily keeps herself busy with part time work, having recently being part of the legal team at the Queen Elizabeth II National Trust. She likes to spend her free time reading, taking advantage of Wellington's cafe scene, and following random dogs for pats.



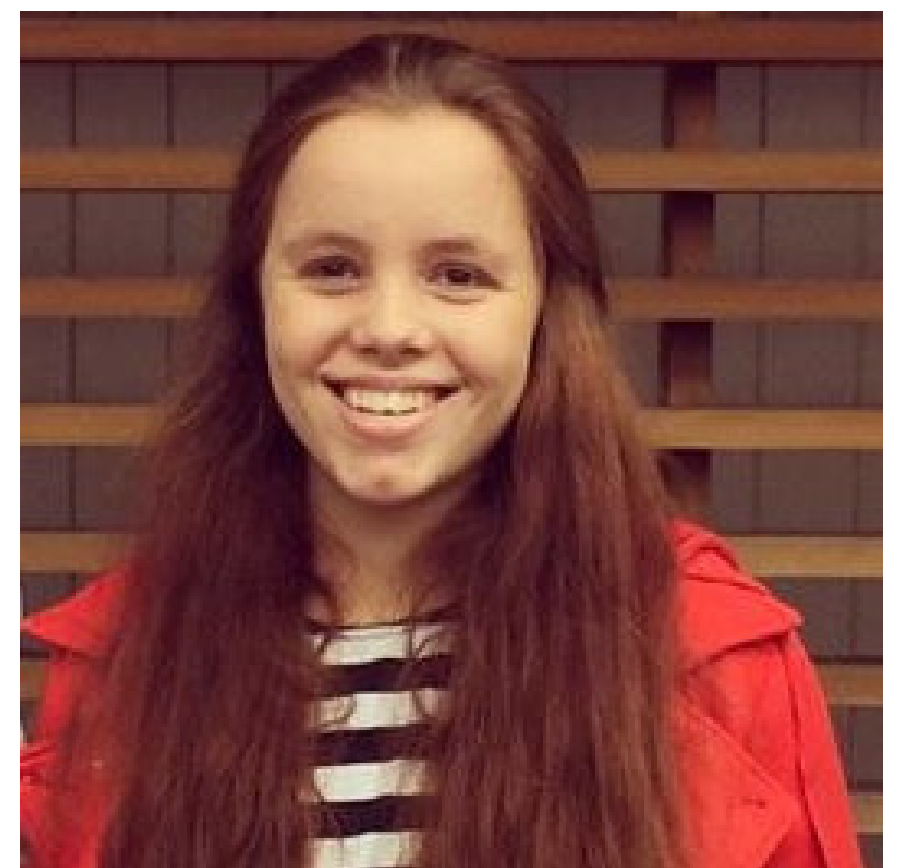
## LIESJE DE BRUIN (Lee-sha)

Liesje, pronounced 'lee-sha', is 2nd year Bachelor of Laws and 3rd year Human Resource Management student at Otago Univeristy. Originally from South Africa, Liesje has lived in New Zealand for 18 years; 6 of which has been spent in Dunedin.

Liesje has been involved in UN Youth since 2018, having taken up multiple roles such as Educations officer for the Otago-Southland Model United Nations, Logistics Officer for

Otago-Southland Youth Forum and represented UN Youth NZ at Australia's 2018 July National Council in Adelaide.

Liesje spends what little free time she has left being a LIFT ambassador, watching movies with her family and awkwardly explaining to strangers that they are talking to the wrong twin.





# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## Q. DO I NEED MODEL UNITED NATIONS EXPERIENCE?

Previous experience is not required. All previous delegations have included delegates with varying experience, including no previous involvement with UN Youth at all. The Co-Directors are looking for a diverse range of delegates who are genuinely interested in the educational content of the tour.

Given that all delegates will be trained on HNMUN, everyone will be at the same level by the time of the conference. However, if you would like to get a taste of Model UN and show your enthusiasm, check out one of the upcoming UN Youth events in your region!

## Q. IS THE PLANNING WEEKEND COMPULSORY?

Yes, all delegates must attend Planning Weekend in its entirety. Dates will be confirmed as soon as possible. Failure to commit to Planning Weekend will result in the loss of your place in the delegation.

## Q. CAN I PLAN MY OWN TRAVEL OUTSIDE OF THE TOUR?

You must travel with the delegation from Auckland on 22 January 2019 through all the cities to the end of our stay in Montreal on 21 February 2019. From Montreal, you may change your return flight home at your own cost.

During allocated free time in each city, you may explore on your own but must return to the designated meeting places at the time determined by the Co-Directors.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## Q. IS THERE A LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF DELEGATES FROM EACH UNIVERSITY OR DEGREE?

There is no limit on the number of delegates we may take from each university or degree. Although we may take the regional balance of the delegation into account if there are applications of similar merit, generally each application will be considered on its own merits.

## OTHER QUESTIONS?

Please contact the Co-directors at [naleadershiptour@unyouth.org.nz](mailto:naleadershiptour@unyouth.org.nz)





# HOW TO APPLY

## WHO SHOULD APPLY?

The Co-Directors want to build a diverse and balanced delegation. They are looking for a variety of things: students who would benefit from the trip, who would work well with the rest of the delegation, who are high achievers at university or leaders within their communities, who would represent UN Youth and New Zealand well at HNMUN, and who have the potential to give back to UN Youth and New Zealand upon return from the trip.

However, the most important quality they seek is a genuine interest in the educational content of the tour.

We encourage applications from talented tertiary students who demonstrate the following qualities:

- **Passion:** A genuine interest in the educational content of the tour and a desire to experience new cultures
- **Strong interpersonal skills:** An open mind, the ability to convey thoughts effectively and listen well to others, empathy, and caring are values the Co-Directors desire in the delegation.
- **Resilience:** Strength to handle the challenges that come along with the intensity and fast pace of the North America Leadership Tour.

## ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the tour, applicants must:

- Be at least 18 years of age when the delegation departs New Zealand on 21 January 2018
- Be a New Zealand tertiary student
- Be ordinarily resident in New Zealand
- Hold a current passport that will expire at least six months after the completion of the tour
- Have no criminal convictions.



# HOW TO APPLY

## APPLICATION PROCESS

The application process is broken into three parts. Applicants should note that this process is very competitive. The Co-Directors recommend starting early to ensure you have sufficient time to prepare your application.

### Stage One: Written Application

A written application and supporting documents must be submitted on the UN Youth Website by 11:59 pm on **Monday 13 August 2018**

Your written application must include:

- Personal Details form
- Scanned copy of your current passport
- Unofficial or official academic transcript
- Curriculum vitae (CV) of no more than two pages
- Cover letter addressed to the Co-Directors of no more than two pages.

The cover letter must answer the following questions. You should aim to write approximately the same amount for each question:

- 1. What motivated you to apply for the North America Leadership Tour 2019?**
- 2. What skills and strengths would you bring to the tour? Please use examples from positions of responsibility, achievements, awards and/or extracurricular activities.**
- 3. What do you think you will gain from being a delegate on the tour?**



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### Stage Two: Interview

Shortlisted applicants will be invited for a 30-minute interview with the Co-Directors via Google Hangouts. Interviews will be held either on the weekend of **26-27 August or 2-3 September 2018**. You are expected to make yourself available during this period at a time agreed between you and the Co-Directors.

### Stage Three: Offer

Successful applicants from the interview round will be offered a place on the delegation.





# HOW TO APPLY

## HEAD DELEGATE

The Co-Directors will be selecting a Head Delegate for the North America Leadership Tour to provide leadership within the delegation. The role involves assisting the Co-Directors in preparing the delegation for Harvard National Model United Nations. This includes creating research guides, running training sessions, and editing position papers/draft resolutions. The ideal Head Delegate will have significant Model UN experience.

If you would like to be considered for the role of Head Delegate, please answer the following two questions in no more than 400 words at the end of your cover letter. This will be in addition to the two pages dedicated to answering the three questions listed above:

**1. Why do you think you would be an effective Head Delegate?**

**2. How would you make a fellow member of the delegation, who had no Model UN experience, feel comfortable at the conference and make the most out of their committee?**



# THANK YOU FOR APPLYING





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