

## UCBMUN Conference Information

### **General Information:**

The University of California at Berkeley Model United Nations (UCBMUN) Conference will be held from Thursday February 25 to Sunday February 28, 2010. The conference will be held at the Grand Hyatt Union Square in San Francisco. More information can be found at the official website:

<http://www.ucbmunc.org/conference.php>

Central Texas Model United Nations (CTMUN) previously attended this conference in 2008 with great success.

### **Preparation:**

Attending a collegiate conference is an enriching experience where CTMUN members have bonded with others and made lasting friendships. CTMUN views conference preparation seriously and expects to continue its tradition of bringing awards back to Austin. It is important to remember that we are representing the University of Texas at Austin and we must always maintain professionalism.

Those who are accepted onto the team are expected to be involved in a rigorous preparation process. We will have weekly meetings and assignments in order to prepare for the conference. Members who fail to complete assignments/miss meetings will be dropped from the team. Do not be discouraged if you are not very experienced; as long as you work hard and are willing to learn we will provide you with the necessary resources to succeed.

Preparation for the conference will be lead by Zaid Hassan and Vishal Kumar. Zaid is the former Deputy Secretary General of CTMUN and a current CTMUN Board Member. He attended the Harvard WORLD Model UN Conference in 2009 and UCBMUN Conference in 2008 as a CTMUN delegate. Zaid is in the Bridging Disciplines Program, majoring in Government. He is also a Rapaport Scholar.

Vishal is the former Secretary General of CTMUN and a current CTMUN Board Member. He also attended the Harvard WORLD Model UN Conference as well as the UCBMUN Conference as a CTMUN delegate, winning a Diplomacy Award and an Outstanding Delegate Award, respectively. Vishal is currently a senior majoring in the Business Honors Program and Finance with minors in Government and Accounting.

### **Expected Costs:**

CTMUN will cover all delegate and school fees for the conference. However, participants will have to cover transportation, hotel, food, and any other incidental/miscellaneous costs. An expected breakdown of these costs is presented below:

Flight (Austin to San Francisco)	\$300
Hotel (Grand Hyatt)	\$150
Food/Miscellaneous	\$150
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$600</b>

There are methods to individually secure monetary support from specific UT departments to help with these costs that CTMUN members have successfully utilized in the past. CTMUN will help participants identify and apply for such grants; however, we cannot guarantee that these efforts will be successful. Also please note that flight costs may fluctuate as we get closer to the conference. If you are accepted to the team, the earlier you book your ticket, the better.

**Release Form:**

If you fill out an application to attend the UCBMUN conference, please also attach the following document with your signature indicating you understand the commitments involved in the process. Please have a parent/guardian sign this as well:

Participant Signature:

Date:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date: