

IB World Student Conference

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Global Action Team (GAT) leaders facilitate small group discussion throughout the week at an IB World Student Conference (IBWSC). Their job is to ensure the conference theme progresses throughout the week, employing theory of knowledge (TOK) discussion techniques, in addition to the IB mission and philosophies.

GAT leader responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Work with an assigned intercultural group of approximately 20 students throughout the conference; the GAT leader will meet with this group each day and guide them through all activities and discussions
- Arrive early enough to attend a GAT leader training with the GAT Program Director on the arrival day of the conference (if this requires arriving a day early, housing will be provided)
- Establish and nurture positive relations within the GAT and promote intercultural understanding
- Encourage and foster student leadership
- Help students plan a Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS) project that students will implement in the upcoming school year
- Guide students to achieve the objectives of the conference by promoting critical thinking skills and an awareness of multiple perspectives
- Provide own transportation to and from the IBWSC site
- Obtain a criminal records background report, if necessary according to the laws of the hosting country
- Maintain professional standards in regard to the relationship with the students/minors. (The GAT chairperson will discuss standard operating procedure concerning conduct between GAT leaders and participating students at the GAT leader training on arrival day.)

Selection criteria

The regional association of IB world schools where each IBWSC is located has the primary responsibility to recruit GAT leaders from their association. Additionally, all three IB regions will fill these positions if the need arises from the application process herein. Priority will be given to applicants according to the following criteria:

- Certified teacher with at least two years of IB experience
- Knowledge of IB philosophy, TOK and CAS
- Ability to engage and support students
- Ability to facilitate group discussions with TOK focus questions
- Past experience as GAT leader at an IBWSC
- Endorsement from your IB coordinator

Items to note

- All adults associated with the conference are asked to refrain from alcohol consumption on campus and in the presence of students
- GAT leaders may be asked to meet with groups outside of session times
- GAT leaders may assist with other duties, as needed