



## What is it?

Academic WorldQuest™ is a flagship youth education program of the national network of World Affairs Councils. It is a team game testing high school students' knowledge of international affairs. In the game, four-person teams compete by answering multiple-choice questions divided into ten unique and engaging thematic categories.

**2017 National Competition:  
April 29, 2017**

## Structure of Program:

Approximately **4000 students across the country** participate in competitions hosted by **50 local World Affairs Councils across the United States**. Winning teams are invited to represent their high school, city, and local council at the national competition held in the spring each year in Washington, DC.

## National Competition:

The national Academic WorldQuest competition is attended by more than 225 of the nation's most promising students along with their parents, teachers, and chaperones. The 3-hour competition is a unique opportunity for many students to visit the nation's capital for the first time. This year's national competition also includes a welcome reception at the U.S. Institute of Peace (USIP).

This reception will include featured speakers as well as opportunities for students to engage directly with USIP staff. This event will allow students to interact with experts in the field, gain an understanding of careers in international affairs, and learn about different positions and professional responsibilities at USIP.

## Common Core Standards

Academic WorldQuest contributes to the national Common Core State Standards Initiative by fostering reading comprehension skills for informational text.



Third place winners of the 2016 Academic WorldQuest Competition. Students from Plano West High School, representing the World Affairs Council of Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas.

## 2016-2017 Topics:

- Current Events
- Great Decisions
- Peace and Conflict in Today's World (USIP)
- Combating Infectious Disease
- European Union
- Countering Violent Extremism
- Turkey
- Global Megacities
- China
- Women in Technology



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