

Strait Talk Berkeley Symposium Application

People's Republic of China

University of California, Berkeley, Spring 2017

March 19th – March 24th

Thank you for your interest in the Strait Talk Symposium. Strait Talk is a non-partisan dialogue program that seeks to transform international conflict by connecting young people from both sides of the Taiwan Strait and the United States and empowering them to strive for peace. We are looking for students and/or professionals from Mainland China and Hong Kong who demonstrate interest in and commitment to peace-building across the Taiwan Strait. During the symposium, delegates will participate in Interactive Conflict Resolution (ICR). ICR is an intensive process that requires constant engagement and sensitivity. During the Symposium, delegates are also expected to craft and, later, to implement a Peace Project that will engage with long-term conflict-resolution. Qualities we find essential in applicants include the ability to listen actively and respectfully, an open mind, and the capacity to navigate social dynamics in constructive dialogue. You must speak fluent English. Other assets include excellent writing and speaking skills and knowledge of the history of the conflict.

Applications are due December 31th, 2016 23:59 Beijing time. Please e-mail completed applications to StraitTalk.BerkeleyCN@gmail.com. Since applications are reviewed on a rolling basis, you should apply as early as possible. Do not feel discouraged if you get this information late, as we will try to read all the applications that we receive. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to email StraitTalk.BerkeleyCN@gmail.com. Please be aware you may be interviewed online as part of the application process

Please answer all of the following questions in English and respond honestly. Your application will be evaluated based on your previous academic and personal experiences, as well as on the quality of your essays. Please read all of the information provided on our website (straittalkberkeley.weebly.com) before applying.

All information provided on this application will be kept confidential.



BASIC INFORMATION

English Name: _____

Chinese Name (with Pinyin): _____

Preferred Name: _____ Gender: _____ Age: _____

Address:

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Are you a college student?

Yes No _____ (If no, specify your level of education.)

Current College/University: _____

Year of Study: _____ Major:

GPA (academic performance): _____ Email: _____

(Optional) Please attach resume/curriculum vitae to your application

Are you planning to study outside of the People's Republic of China/Hong Kong for graduate school or higher education?

No Yes _____ (Where and in what field?)

Have you ever traveled outside of China? If so, where?

Are you a citizen of China? (If not, what country are you a citizen of? _____)

Do you have a passport? (If not, please apply for one now. If yes, please provide passport number for visa purposes) _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Please use the following table to describe any extracurricular activities that you have been part of in and out of school. Be sure to include your role in the activity and any other notable information about the activity. Please keep this brief and include only the ones that you feel strongly about (Feel free to add more add more rows to the table).

Activity	Description	Duration

SHORT ANSWERS (150 words or less)

1. How did you hear about the Strait Talk Berkeley Symposium?
2. What do you feel is the significance of the term, “cross-Strait relations?” (两岸关系). If you could, would you change this expression? If so, what would you change it to?
3. What do you think is the most important trait of a leader?

MID-LENGTH ANSWERS (250 words or less)

1. Describe a time someone broke a well-ingrained, preconceived sociocultural notion you have held?
2. China and the U.S. have two distinct visions for a global order that often seem to be at odds with one another. Given those tensions, what are some ways in which their economic and/or security interests can coexist?

LONG ANSWERS (400 words or less)

1. Please give your opinion on a recent event relating to Sino-U.S. relations, the Taiwan Strait issue, and conflict resolution that you believe can represent your understanding of the cross-Strait issue, citing specific people, events, and/or policies.

2. The Strait Talk Symposium aims to build a community of young leaders who can contribute to a positive understanding of cross-Strait relations. Therefore, we require all applicants to propose and commit to a Peace Project that can relay the knowledge and insights they gain from attending the Symposium back to the people in their home country. What might be a Peace Project of your interest? The project does not need to change the world but needs to have an influence at a grassroots level. This proposed project will be evaluated on its creativity, specificity, and feasibility.

SIGNATURE

I affirm that the information I have provided in this application is an accurate and honest reflection of my academic and scholastic accomplishments. I understand that if I am found to have reported false information, I will be disqualified from attending Strait Talk.

Electronic Signature: _____ Date (MM/DD/YYYY): _____

Please send completed applications to StraitTalk.Berkeley.CN@gmail.com by December 31st, 2016 23:59 Beijing time.

Note: The symposium will take place from March 19th to March 24th, 2017. If selected, delegates are required to arrive in Berkeley, CA, on March 18th, 2017 and depart only after the symposium ends. Thank you for taking the time to apply - we look forward to getting to know you!