



Frequently Asked Questions

What is QIAA?

The Queen's International Affairs Association, abbreviated as 'Q.I.A.A.' and pronounced 'Key-Ah', is one of the largest student organizations at Queen's University. It is an umbrella organization of eight different initiatives and serves as a hub for students, faculty and members of the Kingston community who are interested in engaging in debate and dialogue about current events, foreign affairs, global politics and international issues in general.

What does QIAA do?

Each year QIAA elects or recruits over 100 student volunteers to serve within its extended executive and manage its operations. QIAA hosts two conferences: the Queen's Model United Nations Invitational (QMUNi) in the fall and the Queen's Interactive Crisis Simulation (QICSim) in the Winter semester. QIAA is the home of the Queen's Model United Nations Team which is ranked within the top 30 in North America and travels to MUN and International Affairs conferences across North America. QIAA also runs the Global Passport Internship Program which includes both the annual internship fair which is held early in Winter semester and the online database at www.theglobalpassport.org. QIAA's media operations include the publishing of a quarterly international affairs magazine, the Queen's International Observer (QIO) and the hosting of Right of Reply, a bi-weekly radio show on CFRC 101.9FM. QIAA also hosts a monthly Speakers Series which attracts world renowned speakers from a wide variety of backgrounds. Beyond these regular initiatives, QIAA members meet frequently to discuss and debate international affairs in



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both formal weekly meetings as well as frequent socials and mixers. Especially within its current leadership, QIAA's operations continue to constantly expand and evolve.

How can I get involved?

The first steps towards getting involved in QIAA are to become a member and get access to a plethora of perks and to get on the mailing list to stay up to date with the latest QIAA related news and upcoming events.

- Join the MUN team! We meet every Thursday night- no experience necessary!
- Register for the Queen's Interactive Crisis Simulation, QIAA's very own in-house conference which takes place in March
- Read the Queen's International Observer, QIAA's international affairs magazine online or on new stands around campus
- Listen to Right of Reply, QIAA's international affairs radio show online or on CFRC 101.9 FM
- Attend one of QIAA's monthly Speakers Series events featuring the best and brightest minds in international affairs and beyond
- Volunteer with QIAA's QMUNi conference in November
- Reach one of QIAA's numerous socials, mixers and networking events to find likeminded people who have a penchant for international issues

What are the benefits of getting involved?

From die-hard liberal-institutionalists to mechanical engineers who are interested in what's going on the world, QIAA serves as the hub for Queen's students who are interested in discussing, debating and practicing in the field of international affairs. Here are a few ways QIAA can help you at Queen's and beyond!



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Discounts on Discounts

- Save on all QIAA related events including in-house conferences, external conferences, socials, mixers and networking events
- Get discounted tickets for the end-of-year QIAA Gala
- Taking your LSAT, GRE, or MCAT? Receive Princeton Review Discounts of up to \$300 with a QIAA Membership.

The QIAA Advantage

- Regular information about national and international internship opportunities with governments, NGOs, and many other prestigious organizations.
- Opportunities to get published in our quarterly international affairs magazine or make an appearance on our radio show
- Invitations to Guest Speaker Events featuring internationally recognized speakers from a variety of disciplines
- Access to socials, mixers, networking events, conferences, and film nights throughout the year

Networking Galore

- Become part of a tight knit community of politically active and academically driven students from all kinds of backgrounds and ideologies studying in a wide variety of fields at Queen's
- Travel to top tier universities and meet likeminded students from around the world
- Join a network of accomplished recently graduated alumni studying in internationally renowned universities such as Harvard Law School, John's Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, Munk School of Global Affairs, Norman Patterson School of International Affairs, Sciences Po, Melbourne Law School, Oxford University and Cambridge University.
- Join a network of alumni pursuing careers in various levels of



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government, NGOs, international businesses and beyond
Connect with the QIAA Faculty Advisory board including professors Nossal, Haglund, Cox, Grant and Pentland at various QIAA events

What is QIAA's history?

QIAA draws its roots from the original Queen's International Relations Club which was created in 1907. Since then, various iterations of the club have existed including the Queen's Model United Nations Conference Club (QMUNCC). The club's mandate has always been to promote debate and dialogue about international affairs within the Queen's community. This has chiefly been achieved by organizing, training for, and participating in, Model United Nations conferences. In 1987, the club was officially ratified under the Alma Mater Society as the Queen's International Affairs Association. Since then, its flagship initiative has been the Queen's MUN Team. Originally maintaining a highly academic nature with strong involvement from professors and faculty advisors, the club used to be narrowly focused on international affairs academia. With the global trend towards multidisciplinary approaches, QIAA broadened its operations significantly in the 2000s. The club started publishing the Queen's International Observer, its quarterly magazine, in 2003. In 2004 the Queen's Foreign Policy Conference began, taking place originally in Ottawa. In 2007 the Queen's Interactive Crisis Simulation began and was modeled after the Princeton Interactive Crisis Simulation. In 2008 the Global Passport Internship Program was created as the annual internship fair began and the 'Global Passport' was published. Since then, QIAA has grown in leaps and bounds.

QIAA underwent a major overhaul in the 2012-2013 year. Three brand new initiatives were created including an international relations radio show called Right of Reply, a Community Outreach Program and the



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Queen's Model United Nations Invitational – a competitive MUN conference on the circuit which is catered towards external MUN Teams. This was possible through the bundling out of the Foreign Policy Conference into the Crisis Simulation. The Global Passport was converted into an entirely online database accessible to anyone to use and the first annual QIAA Gala was held to recognize the successes of the organization and appreciate the hard work put in by the members of its executive. The Furthermore, to support its exponentially growing operations, QIAA adopted a corporate structure by centralizing its Program Support division into Finance, Sponsorship, Marketing, Fundraising, Socials and IT departments. As a result of its efforts, QIAA was awarded the first AMS Club of the Year award.

QIAA has built on a tradition of excellence and is moving into the age of globalization as a stronger and more cohesive unit, providing unparalleled innovations and opportunities for members of the Queen's community to educate, experience and engage in international relations, global politics, foreign affairs and current events.