



# GERMAN AMERICAN CONFERENCE

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## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2022

### About the German American Conference

We are excited to return after two fully remote conferences to the Harvard Campus in Cambridge, Massachusetts, for this year's German American conference, the largest student-run conference in North America. From Friday, **October 28th, to Sunday, October 30th**, under the overarching theme "***If not now, when?***", we aspire to create a platform for discussion and dialogue addressing the most pressing challenges on both sides of the Atlantic. Our mission is to foster cross-generational exchange between today's leaders and young talents, strengthen and expand the transatlantic partnership, and jointly develop perspectives on how to tackle these challenges and shape the future.

### About our Scholarship Program

This program, supported by the Harvard Alumni Clubs of Germany, aims to diversify the participants to represent the whole transatlantic society. We especially encourage students from underrepresented backgrounds to apply and attend the conference as we strongly believe in having a diverse community at the conference. Applications can be sent to [scholarship@germanamericanconference.org](mailto:scholarship@germanamericanconference.org) **by August 26, 2022**. On September 10, 2022, we will let you know if you have been selected as a GAC Scholar.

### Covered by our Scholarship Program

- Travel costs (train or bus tickets and flights within the US or transatlantic. No Uber, Lyft or suchlike)
- Amount provided depends on the travel distance (up to 600 US Dollars)
- We highly recommend and assist scholarship holders in connecting with people in Boston or Cambridge to find a place to accommodate



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## Requirements

Applicants must:

- Be between 18 and 24 years old.
- Be enrolled at a European or US university, including students who are currently in an exchange semester. We accept any degree program and any academic year (i.e., freshman to graduate level). We also welcome people who are undergoing professional training to apply.
- Obtain the proper visa or travel authorization to the US (e.g., ESTA, if applicable). Please see the Travel website of the US State Department of State (<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel.html>) for more information.
- Have or obtain international travel health insurance coverage.
- Accept that the travel scholarship will be voided if the conference is canceled or held remotely. The void also applies if government travel restrictions are imposed between the US and any affected countries.

## How to apply?

*Applications can be filled in here by August 26, 2022: [Application Form](#). Please include all the required information and documents.*

- 1-page resume in English or German
- Letter of motivation (max. 500 words)
  - How would you benefit from attending the GAC 2022?
  - How would the GAC benefit from having you?
  - What's your transatlantic story, and why are you interested in transatlantic relationships?
  - What is unique about your background?
  - In what way would you contribute to diversity at the GAC?
- 2-3 minute video: Please submit a short video in which you briefly introduce yourself and illustrate your interest in transatlantic relationships as well as your motivation to attend the GAC - be creative!

## Diversity at the German American Conference

Overall, we strongly believe that there are significant benefits in diverse groups attending such events, as a rich body of research shows that diversity and inclusion lead to better and more creative conversations. Within our conference, our vision is to inspire all to advance equity. Our commitment to advancing racial equity, gender equity, and LGBTQ equity is our top priority. We



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track and measure representation, holding ourselves accountable in order to create an environment in which all people feel confident in their ability to bring their authentic selves to our conference and secure collaboration with other participants.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to the following email address ([scholarship@germanamericanconference.org](mailto:scholarship@germanamericanconference.org)) if you have any questions and add "Question" and your name to your subject line!