

2021 Academic WorldQuest Competition

A Project of the World Affairs Council of the Desert

Academic WorldQuest is a team competition that tests high school students' knowledge of international affairs. Join the QUEST on February 4, 2021 for the 16th annual competition to be held at the Indian Wells Theater on the Palm Desert Campus of California State University, San Bernardino. The winning team will compete in the national Academic WorldQuest to be held in Washington D.C. in April 2020. **Note:** Depending upon the status of the pandemic, both events may be held virtually.



WHO CAN SEND A TEAM? Any high school, public or private, in the Coachella Valley can register a team.

WHAT MAKES UP A TEAM? A team consists of 4 high school students. They may be freshmen, sophomores, juniors, or seniors. Each team must have a coach.

PLEDGING A TEAM Submit the entry form on or before Friday, December 11, 2020 to michael.karp@csusb.edu. The entry form and other information is available online (see links below). There is no fee to pledge a team. Each high school may enter one team.

SPECIAL FEATURES & AWARDS Scholarships will be awarded to **each student** on the top three teams: 1st Place \$300, 2nd Place \$200, and 3rd place \$100. Special awards will be given to teams for categories such as *Most School Spirit* and *Most Improved*.

DATE AND LOCATION

Tuesday, February 4, 2021 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Indian Wells Theater, CSUSB Palm Desert Campus

37-500 Cook Street, Palm Desert

Teams are expected to arrive by 4:00 p.m.

HOW TO PLAY The Academic WorldQuest competition is a contest between 4-person teams, each representing a high school. It is moderated by a prominent figure in the field of international affairs or journalism. Teams compete by answering multiple-choice rounds of questions. A full competition is 50 questions, with 5 rounds of 10 questions per round. Each team has to submit a single answer to each question. The team with the highest number of correct answers wins. Trophies are awarded to the top three teams, plus cash prizes and other gifts are given.

CONTEST QUESTIONS Questions will have four multiple choice answers. Questions will be projected on a screen and will be read aloud by a moderator. Teams will have 45 seconds to discuss each question and write down their answer. Answer sheets will be collected at the end of every round. **All questions will be drawn from the Study Guide.** Topics will be available in September and the Study Guide in mid to late October.

RESOURCES ON WEBSITE Refer to the website: <http://www.worldaffairsdesert.org/> and click on WORLDQUEST or go to <http://porterroom.csusb.edu/academicWorldQuest/index.html>.

- **Forms:** Online Entry Form, Student Data Sheet, Release of Liability Form
- **Study Guide for Academic WorldQuest of the Desert.** TBA - All questions will be drawn from the sources listed in the Study Guide
- **Sample questions** from previous competitions

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