



DEFINING EXCELLENCE

Board Meeting Date: December 8, 2025

Title: Toronto, Canada 2027 - International Travel Request - Edina High School Model U.N.
- Brad Dahlman, Margaret Trenda, Claude Sigmund

Type: Discussion

Presenters: Jody De St. Hubert, Director of Teaching and Learning; Jenn Carter, Edina High School Assistant Principal; and Brad Dahlman, EHS Social Studies Teacher and Model UN Advisor

Background: In accordance with Policy 538, the following international student travel experience for up to 32 Edina High School Students students for 4 days in January/February 2027, has received support from the school's administration. Participating students will miss 2 school days for this travel experience.

This conference experience is coordinated by University of Toronto Model United, an organization that provides students with the ability to participate in a Model United Nations conference with students from around the world.

Summary of the Travel Experience: Most Model UN conferences do not change schedules significantly from year to year. So it is reasonable to believe that the 2027 conference will follow a similar if not identical schedule to 2026. This is the [schedule](#) for the 2026 conference.

Overview of Standards that will be taught on the Travel Experience: Students work on the four foundational skills of being a delegate: 1) Writing, 2) Research, 3) Public Speaking and 4) Collaboration. Students work to build these skills during Model UN practices and then put them on display during conferences. These skills would be on display while students are representing a country in a simulation to write resolutions about relevant global topics. [Here is a sampling of 2026 conference offerings](#) as well as offerings from previous years. Model UN students exemplify the Portrait of a Well-Rounded Edina Graduate.

Cost:

Early Registration:

- \$110 CAD per delegate for delegate fees
- Airfare: The Model UN Team will get bids from multiple airlines in order to assess the best combination of price and travel arrangements..

- \$500 USD per delegate for airfare- Estimate based on Air Canada flight direct from MSP to YYZ
- Public Transportation to hotel using the [Toronto Transit](#) from the airport to the St. George Station.
 - \$2.40 is the price for a single ride.
- The best estimate of the hotel is \$500CAD per person. This is based on sharing rooms at the Kimpton St. George hotel (See below).
- If time allows with the final conference and flight schedule, sightseeing in Toronto would be included.
- **Expected Total Price: \$1500 USD per student**

Transportation: All students and chaperones will travel as a group from Minneapolis to Toronto, and return via a major US international airline or partner.

Accommodations: The conference itself is hosted by the University of Toronto St. George's Campus. In the past, the conference has partnered with [Kimpton St. George](#), [The Yorkville Royal Sonesta](#), and the [Downtown Center Holiday Inn](#). All three hotels are within a couple blocks of the hotel. The plan is to stay at one of these hotels based on cost and ease of walkability.

Supervision: The supervising team will be the Model United Nations advisors, Bradley Dahlman, Claude Sigmund and Margaret Trender. Troy Stein will serve as the administrator.

Recommendation: Review the international travel request for discussion.

Desired Outcomes from the Board: Review the report, have questions prepared, and provide feedback on the key information presented.

Attachments:

1. [Appendix III Board Policy 538](#) , [Extended Field Trip and Travel Application Preliminary Approval](#)
2. [Advisors Detailed Write up of Travel Plan](#)