

# MONGOLIAN-U.S. NATIONAL CIVIC ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM (MUNCEP)

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM



The Mongolian-U.S. National Civic Engagement Program (MUNCEP) is a nine-week professional development program created by the US-Asia Institute (USAI) in coordination with the Embassy of Mongolia in Washington, DC. It is a once-in-a-lifetime experience for young adults of Mongolian descent who are U.S. citizens, U.S. permanent residents, or F-1 visa holders to gain a firsthand look at the American government and political system in Washington, DC to engage civically and reflect on the role they, as future leaders, might play in strengthening the US-Mongolia relationship.

*"I applied to MUNCEP knowing little about public service as a field. We connected with and learned from people working with the community from a myriad of angles: government, advocacy, research, and more. USAI's panel discussions, workshops, and internship placement helped me figure out which fields and organizations felt like a fit for me, and how to approach them. By far the best part, though, was going through it all with other young Asian-American people, whom I'll call friends for a long time."*

MICHELLE ERDENESANAA, 2022  
YALE UNIVERSITY



# IMPORTANT FACTS

- Full time undergraduate students, graduate students, or recent grads aged 18-25 of Mongolian descent with U.S. citizenship, U.S. permanent residency, or an F-1 visa\*
- MUNCEP Fellows are responsible for all expenses related to the program which include:
  - travel to and from Washington, D.C.;
  - housing (suggested housing options through the US-Asia Institute or on own);
  - food;
  - ground transportation throughout the program;
  - cultural & spending money for miscellaneous activities.
- All participants must, after acceptance into the program, show proof of health insurance and sign a liability waiver.

\*Please note that USAI will not sponsor F-1 visa status. The F-1 visa holder is responsible for ensuring that all necessary requirements have been met in order to participate in MUNCEP. Please see the application for more details.



## INTERESTED IN APPLYING NEXT YEAR?

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

See our website at [www.usasiainstitute.org/mongolian-us-national-civic-engagement-program](http://www.usasiainstitute.org/mongolian-us-national-civic-engagement-program) for candidate qualifications and required documents or contact Communication and Special Projects Manager Keely Thompson at [keely.thompson@usasiainstitute.org](mailto:keely.thompson@usasiainstitute.org).



*"Being a MUNCEP Fellow was one of the most unique and special experiences of my young professional life. Learning from experts working across the field of government, meeting so many like-minded fellows, and building lifelong relationships made this program truly special."*

DANZAN ORGIL, 2022  
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND  
COLLEGE PARK



*"It was a huge opportunity to be on the MUNCEP 2022 cohort. I developed many professional relationships and learned skills that are relevant in the workforce. Had it not been for MUNCEP, I would not be where I am today. MUNCEP provided many new gateways in the professional world. It is also just as important to highlight the friendships I made within and outside the USAI cohorts. All around, MUNCEP is a life-altering experience, and I will always encourage others to apply!"*

TEMUJIN CHOIJILSUREN, 2022  
VIRGINIA TECH

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