

2021 Model Senate on Science and Technology Roles and Responsibilities

Senator

The 2021 Model Senate on Science and Technology will simulate a congressional hearing and the legislative process with students serving as Senators, Committee Co-Chairs, Expert Witnesses, and Journalists. Students will have the opportunity to write collaborative policy resolutions, hear from Expert Witness, and debate and discuss critical issues in U.S. domestic and foreign policy.

Role:

The role of Senator is the foundational position in the Model Senate program, and students assigned to the role of Senator will be tasked with emulating their assigned Senator's policy positions, voting record, and background. Students filling these roles are tasked with comprehensively researching the topic under review, developing lines of questioning for expert witnesses, debating potential solutions, and ultimately, crafting and voting on policy resolutions aimed at solving pressing global issues. Critical skills for this position include: research, organization, public speaking, and peer leadership.

Preparation Level: Medium

Responsibilities:

- Research your assigned Senator and complete the '*Get to Know Your Senator Worksheet*';
- Research your assigned subcommittee and assigned topic, and complete the '*Topic and Subcommittee Worksheet*';
- Briefly research the Expert Witnesses who will testify at your subcommittee hearing and prepare at least two thoughtful questions to ask each witness.