



US-Russia Student Virtual Exchange



YEAR Program - US-Russia Student Virtual Exchange

The Year of Exchange in America for Russians (YEAR) program presents an exciting new initiative to connect participants of the YEAR program with American students during the spring 2021 semester. Through the US-Russia Student Virtual Exchange, Russian and American students will join together virtually to share ideas and knowledge, and make lasting connections with their peers.

The YEAR program is a year long exchange for Russian undergraduate students to study at universities and community colleges in the United States, and to learn more about American society and culture. YEAR students come from many different backgrounds and regions across Russia, and study in various majors. Due to Covid-19, YEAR students' travel to the United States was deferred to fall 2021. While participants have been engaged in various virtual programming this past year, the goal of this new initiative is to continue promoting cross-cultural understanding through virtual collaboration.

About the Initiative

The YEAR program will organize various monthly live sessions with speakers on topics of mutual interests, such as inclusion and diversity, professional development, and graduate-level education in the United States.

Students will connect in small groups to share their thoughts and feedback, engage in non-intensive assignments, and meet other peers with similar interests.

The program invites interested students to apply to gain a deeper understanding of each others society and values, academics, and culture.

Eligibility Requirements

- Participated in a Department of State funded study abroad program in Russia or the Eurasian region
 - Critical Language Scholarship
 - Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship
 - National Security Language Initiative for Youth
- Enrolled in an American college or university.
- Have a good proficiency in Russian.
- Committed to participate in program activities.
- 18-25 years old.

Deadline to apply: February 21, 2021

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