



**U.S. Foreign Policy Colloquium (FPC)  
*Frequently Asked Questions***

**What is FPC?**

The U.S. Foreign Policy Colloquium (FPC) is an exclusive four-day program designed to provide 75 of the best and brightest Chinese graduate students studying at colleges and universities from across the United States a deeper and more nuanced understanding of the complex forces that shape American foreign policy and inform the U.S.-China relationship.

**How much does FPC cost?**

Accepted participants who apply by the April 5 early application deadline will be required to pay a \$200 participation fee. Those who apply after April 5 will pay a \$250 participation fee.

**What is included in the participation fee?**

The participation fee covers four nights at the State Plaza Hotel (May 26 – May 30), conveniently located near the FPC venue, the George Washington University's Elliott School for International Affairs. FPC participants will share a room (two people per room), and will be required to put down credit card information when checking in to cover any incidental costs.

Beginning with dinner on May 26, all meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner) will be covered through May 29.

**What are the attendance expectations?**

You are required to attend all sessions throughout the Colloquium unless it is noted as optional on the agenda. Your full participation is critical to the success of the program.

Participants who would like to sightsee or visit friends in Washington, D.C. are advised to arrive earlier than Tuesday, May 26 or stay later than the morning of May 30. If you choose to extend your stay, you are responsible for making additional lodging arrangements.

**How do I get to Washington, DC?**

Accepted participants will be responsible for making their own travel arrangements. Once accepted, we encourage participants to book their travel as soon as possible.

Those traveling from Boston, NYC, and other northeast corridor cities can easily take a bus or train to Washington, DC's Union Station. Those flying to/from DC can use either Reagan National Airport (DCA), Dulles International Airport (IAD), or Baltimore-Washington International Airport (BWI). IAD and BWI are located outside of DC and are not connected to the Metro system.

**What time will I need to arrive in Washington, DC on May 26?**

Participants should plan to arrive at the State Plaza Hotel no later than 5:00 pm. FPC programming will begin at 6:30 pm.

**What time will I need to check out of the hotel on May 30?**

Participants will need to check out no later than 12:00 pm. For those traveling later in the afternoon or evening, you will be able to check your bags at the hotel.