



## Application for the Student Conference on United States Affairs (SCUSA)

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### *"SCUSA 72: Disruptive Technology and American Influence in the Coming Decade"*

The 72nd Annual Class of 1971 Student Conference on U.S. Affairs (SCUSA 72) will focus on “Disruptive Technology and American Influence in the Coming Decade.” At the conference, delegates will evaluate these new and challenging technologies to better understand the future of American domestic and foreign policy. SCUSA 72 delegates will collaborate to develop policy proposals for the U.S. government that address a dynamic, uncertain strategic environment.

As we enter a new decade, America faces opportunities and challenges generated by major technological innovations. Advances in disruptive technologies — such as automation, artificial intelligence, robotics, and machine learning — promise to increase our ability to connect with others while addressing important threats to well-being such as disease and poverty. However, these technologies can also have negative consequences for privacy, civil liberties, prosperity, and national security. We have already seen large-scale compromises of personal data and the displacement of millions of workers. Disruptive technologies will also influence changing trade and security relationships among major powers in the international system. One of the great challenges for the United States is to find effective policy responses to this rapidly evolving environment. Policymakers face a critical question: How should the United States advance its interests and values in an era of turbulent technological change?

An application to SCUSA consists of this cover sheet, a resume, and a brief two-page statement of why you want to attend SCUSA, what you will bring to the event, and how you will represent Reed.

**It is due to Emily Hebbroon no later than noon on Monday, September 27th, 2021.**

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Campus Box # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Year (circle): First Year      Sophomore      Junior      Senior

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

Adviser's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_