



Welcome back, Educators!

The Columbia World Affairs Council (CWAC) invites you and your high school to be a part of the [2018 Academic WorldQuest competition](#). CWAC is a non-profit organization fostering public awareness of international affairs in the Midlands of South Carolina. Last year, we had teams from Ridge View, Columbia, and Dutch Fork high schools participate in our regional competition, with Ridge View taking the gold to Washington, DC!

We are excited about this year's competition and we want you and your students to be a part of it!

Academic WorldQuest is the [World Affairs Councils of America's](#) flagship education program for high school students on global issues. The quiz competition encourages students and teachers to work together in challenges that test student's international relations knowledge. There are a total of ten topics ranging from geography, history, current events, and cultural affairs. Academic WorldQuest gives teams from Greater Columbia area high schools the opportunity to compete against one another at the CWAC's regional competition in February 2018. Our regional champions will then advance to the national competition in Washington, D.C. in the spring of 2018, as well as the chance to win scholarship money if your team places in the top three!

The competition permits teams of four students of any high school grade level. Each team will need a sponsor, such as a teacher or administrator. There is a limit of one team per high school. The topics and study guides for this year will be announced in September. Registration forms as well as general information regarding the logistics of the regional and national competitions will be released later this fall. Preparation for Academic WorldQuest allows students to greatly expand their understanding of global issues, develop their ability to think globally, and hopefully build a desire to address these challenges in their future endeavors. *Please see the attached flyers to share with your colleagues and students.*

Do you think your high school has what it takes to become the CWAC's 2018 Academic WorldQuest champions? For more information and to register a team, please contact:

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**About the Columbia World Affairs Council:**

Founded in 1993, the Columbia World Affairs Council (CWAC) is a private, non-profit, non-partisan organization in the Midlands region of South Carolina, located in the state capital. CWAC serves as the bridge between our local community and its global counterparts. In recent years, South Carolina has experienced rapid growth in international business, politics, and culture. Devoted to promoting intercontinental awareness in South Carolina, the Columbia World Affairs Council exists not only for the state's benefit, but also for its citizens by enhancing their opportunities to engage in projects that are beneficial to the international community.