

Indiana Council on World Affairs



Academic WorldQuest

Academic WorldQuest is a World Affairs Councils of America youth education initiative administered in Indiana by the Indiana Council on World Affairs, Inc.

Academic WorldQuest 2026

- a lively game-style quiz on world affairs ~

Indiana Competition - February 14, 2026

University of Indianapolis, Indianapolis, Indiana

National Competition - April 27 and 28, 2026

Washington, D.C.

AWQ 2025 Group Photo on 02-22-25

AWQ 2026 Group Photo to be taken on 02-14-26 Be there!

Indiana Council on World Affairs - Academic WorldQuest 2025 - Group Photo

100+ Teachers, Students and Supporters in Attendance



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Register soon for AWQ 2026! IndianaWorld.org



Academic WorldQuest

Academic WorldQuest, a nationwide World Affairs Councils of America youth education program, tests high school students' knowledge of global geography, international economics, history, world cultures, and current events. Each year, over 2,000 high school students compete in local quiz-style events organized by more than 40 local World Affairs Councils across the US.

In Indiana, all high schools are eligible to participate, including public, charter, private, or home school. 2026 marks the Indiana Council on World Affairs' 22nd year of sending a team of four high school students, and their teacher, to the national competition in Washington, D.C.

- Teachers from all subject matters are welcome - Social Studies, World Languages, English/Literature, Science, etc.
- Each school may register as many teams of students as there are students who are interested, subject to approval of the World Affairs Councils of America (WACA) and the Indiana Council on World Affairs (ICWA).
- The Study Guide is free-of-charge. It provides instant access to timely material on ten topics of global significance.
- The competition is free-of-charge. Student memberships in the Indiana Council on World Affairs are free. To support this educational initiative, donations from the public and schools are welcome.
- Indiana's winning team, and their teacher, is awarded a trip to Washington, D.C. to represent Indiana in the national AWQ competition, paid in-large-part by ICWA. Some years, with donor support and named sponsors, there are cash awards for the winning team's school's global studies programs.

2025-2026 Academic WorldQuest - Students will Learn About Current Topics:

1. Pop Culture and Soft Power
2. FIFA World Cup
3. Migration and Immigration
4. U.S. Constitution and Foreign Policy
5. China's Belt and Road Initiative
6. Tariffs and Trade
7. Coffee and Chocolate
8. Nuclear Policy
9. Focus Country: Australia
10. Current Events

Note: Proposed topics. Exact titles may change. Source: World Affairs Councils of America. September 8, 2025.

Timeline for Academic WorldQuest 2026:

September 1, 2025 - Registration opened for AWQ 2026

Information and Registration: Teachers and students begin early plans for participating in AWQ 2026. Information on the AWQ 2026 is posted on the ICWA website at: IndianaWorld.org.

By: September 15, 2025 - Topics, with Narrative, announced

By: October 15, 2025 - Official Study Guide published on-line

By: February 1, 2026 - Registration due date

Register your students at this time. Please provide your students' names and emails.

Saturday, February 14, 2026 - Indiana Competition - University of Indianapolis

In-person Event. The competition is presented in a lively, quiz format using Quizziz via Zoom. Each team is equipped with their own laptop computer. The optimum competition experience is in-person.

Schedule: 10:00 am Doors Open. 11:00 am Quiz Begins. 12:30 pm Lunch. 1:30 pm Quiz Ends. 3:30 pm Doors Close.

Hosted in Indianapolis by the Indiana Council on World Affairs. To be held at the University of Indianapolis, Schwitzer Center, UIndy Hall, 1400 E. Hannah Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46227.

April 27th and 28th, 2026 - National Competition - Washington, D.C.

Sunday, April 26, 2025 - Welcome Reception in the late afternoon

Monday, April 27, 2025 - AWQ National Competition

Tuesday, April 28, 2025 - Morning activities.

Hosted by the World Affairs Councils of America in Washington, D.C., with time for tours around our nation's capital city.

IndianaWorld.org

Register: [Academic WorldQuest | ICWA \(indianaworld.org\)](http://AcademicWorldQuest|ICWA(indianaworld.org))

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