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SWANA CON 2025

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SWANACON 2024: JANUARY 18-19

TRAVEL DATES JANUARY 17-20

MICA SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION

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*SWANACON ATTENDEE APPLICATION deadline is
Friday, Nov 15 at 11:59 P.M. (Pacific Time)*

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WHAT IS SWANA CON?



SWANA CON is an undergraduate student conference that

- Centers the experiences of Southwest Asian/Middle Eastern, and North African undergraduate students
- Welcomes all undergraduate students across the country
- Connects SWANA students across campuses and diasporas
- Builds leadership and academic skills
- Discusses challenges impacting our communities
- Embraces cultural heritage and identities

2024 THEME:

“RISE” RECLAMATION, INNOVATION, SOLIDARITY, & EMPOWERMENT

The purpose of SWANACON is to connect students from across the SWANA diaspora. This year’s theme is **RISE: Reclamation, Innovation, Solidarity, & Empowerment**. The organizers chose this theme to emphasize the ways in which our communities come together to rise up and engage collectively. These four pillars represent powerful avenues through which we can connect and work toward our shared goals.

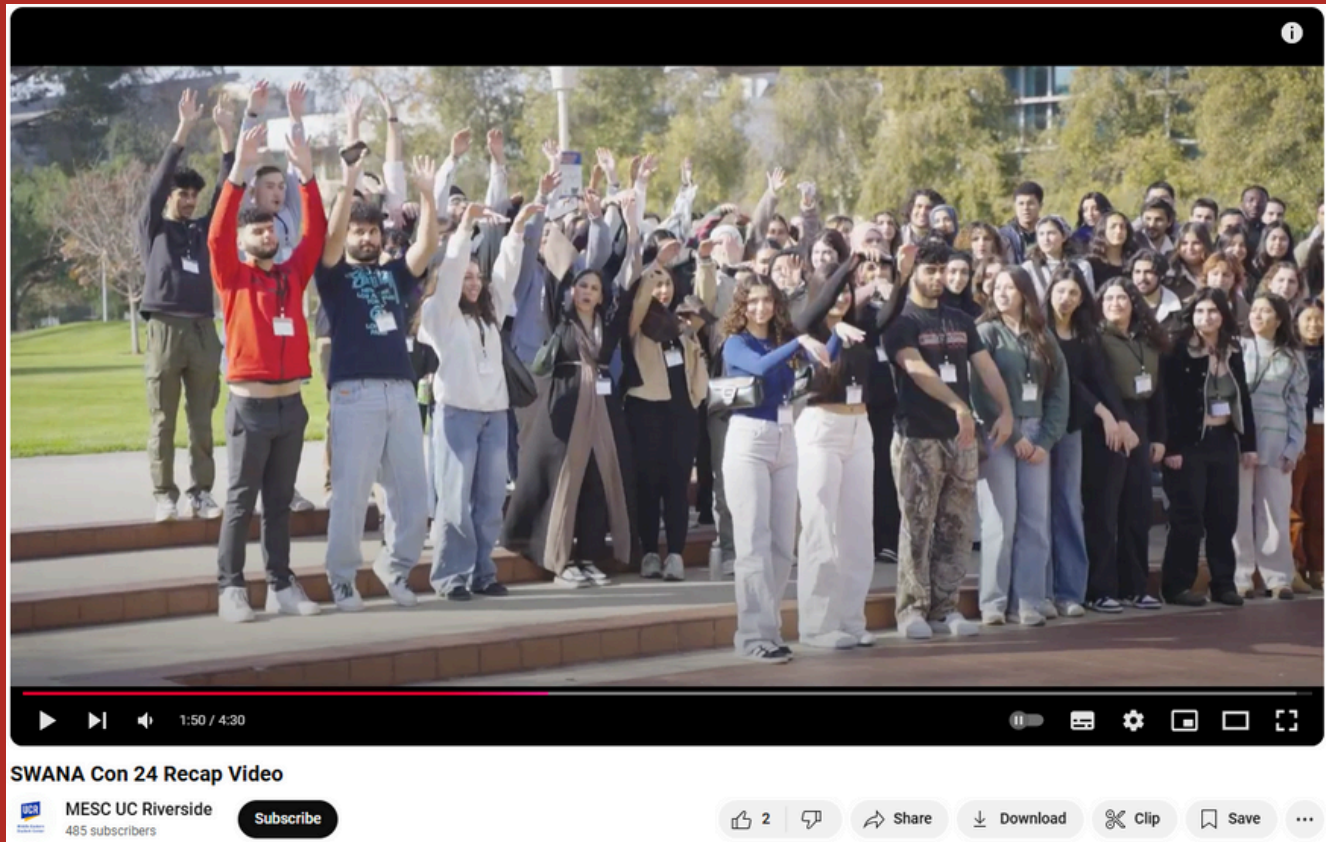


CONFERENCE DETAILS



- **WHEN:** January 18-19
- **WHERE:** University of California, Riverside
- **HOW:** The conference is no cost, and we will pay for + arrange transportation and housing for up to 4 students **pending acceptance.**
- **WHO:** According to the UC Office of the President, SWANA encompasses people from 34 different ethnic identities including Afghan, Algerian, Armenian, Assyrian/Chaldean, Azerbaijani, Bahraini, Amazigh, Circassian, Djiboutian, Egyptian, Emirati, Georgian, Iranian, Iraqi, Israeli, Jordanian, Kurdish, Kuwaiti, Lebanese, Libyan, Mauritanian, Moroccan, Omani, Palestinian, Qatari, Saudi Arabian, Somali, Sudanese, Syrian, Tunisian, Turkish, White/Middle Eastern, White/North African, Yemeni, Other North African, Other Southwest Asian.

WHAT HAPPENS AT SWANA CON?



In each Breakout Block you can **choose from different sessions on the theme based on your preferences.**

The conference will also include **socials, cultural performances, keynote speakers, and the opportunity to gather based on affinity groups** (identities).

Check out the recap video from last year!
https://youtu.be/H_7bkP60JWc (link in bio)

PROCESS

1. Sign up to be sponsored by MICA

Apply to MICA at stamp.umd.edu/SWANACON25

Students will be selected through an application and review process, both through us and through SWANACON, with priority given to first-time attendees, student leaders, and students of multiple marginalized identities.

You will have the option of joining the waitlist if full.

2. Apply to attend SWANA CON

There is a cap of 200 attendees to attend the conference total, so you must apply to attend the conference at:

swanacon.ucr.edu/applications

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