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**WIKIMEDIA CHAPTERS ANNOUNCE WIKIPEDIA CONFERENCE
“WIKICONFERENCE USA”**

The first national Wikimedia conference in the United States to be held in New York City.

NEW YORK, —Wikimedia District of Columbia and Wikimedia New York City are excited to announce the inaugural [WikiConference USA](http://wikiconferenceusa.org), the first national Wikimedia conference in the United States. The conference will be held on May 30 – June 1, 2014 at [New York Law School](http://www.nyu.edu), located in the Tribeca district of New York City. The conference will focus on the grassroots efforts of the Wikipedia and Wikimedia movement in the United States and related matters of free culture and digital rights.

WikiConference USA will concentrate on the future of Wikimedia and will include workshops, panels, and presentations on Wikimedia’s outreach to cultural institutions, community building, technology development, and Wikimedia’s role in education. There will also be a dedicated day of “unconference,” where the participants choose the topics to discuss. The keynotes and select workshops and panels will be video recorded and livestreamed for remote participants.

WikiConference USA is made possible by a grant from the Wikimedia Foundation, the organization that operates Wikipedia.

Sign up for our [mailing list](#) to receive updates about WikiConference USA.

Register

To register for the conference, visit: <http://wikiconusa.eventbrite.com>.

Who Should Attend?

WikiConference USA is open to all participants, regardless of previous level of involvement with Wikipedia or the Wikimedia projects. We welcome the curious, the skeptical, and others wishing to engage in meaningful conversation about the Wikimedia movement in the United States, free culture and digital rights, advocacy and outreach, community building, and technology.



Submit a Session

WikiConference USA encourages potential attendees to get involved by submitting proposals for conference sessions. We invite you to [submit a proposal](#) to lead a session at WikiConference USA!

Apply for a Scholarship

WikiConference USA will be providing travel scholarships for a limited number of individuals who are in need of financial assistance. The scholarship will cover the cost of travel and stay in New York City. We are currently accepting scholarship applications. Please review our [Scholarship page](#) before applying. Applications are due by February 28, 2014.

Get Involved

We're always looking for people to volunteer or contribute to the planning of the conference. If you're interested in volunteering or contributing, email wikicon@wikimedianyc.org.

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