



**THE U.S. CONSULATE GENERAL IN JERUSALEM  
ANNOUNCES  
THE 2018 SUMMER STUDY OF THE U.S. INSTITUTE FOR SCHOLARS**

**Deadline: January 9, 2018**

The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem and the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) is pleased to announce the Study of the United States Institutes (SUSIs) for Scholars for summer 2018. The fully sponsored SUSIs are intensive post-graduate level academic programs with integrated study tours whose purpose is to provide foreign secondary school educators and scholars the opportunity to deepen their understanding of American society, culture, values and institutions. The ultimate goal of SUSI is to strengthen curricula and to enhance the quality of teaching about the United States in academic institutions abroad. The institutes will take place at various colleges, universities, and institutions throughout the United States over the course of six weeks beginning in or after June 2018. Each Institute includes a four-week academic residency component and up to two weeks of an integrated study tour.

**Six Scholar Institute Themes:**

**The Institute on American Politics and Political Thought** will provide a multinational group of 18 experienced foreign university faculty and practitioners insight into how intellectual and political movements have influenced modern American political institutions and a deeper understanding of major currents in U.S. political thought from the colonial period to the present. Drawing upon the American Political Development approach, the Institute will provide a full and diverse understanding of U.S. political thought and its connection to U.S. politics, public policy, and institutions by linking contemporary issues with historical and social debates. The Institute will explore particular themes including self-rule and limited government, liberty and freedom, individualism and identity, equality and inequality, and the American Dream. The Institute will conclude with an integrated two-week study tour to New York City; Philadelphia and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Shepherdstown, West Virginia; Charlottesville, Virginia; and Washington, D.C. Pending final ECA grant approval, the University of Massachusetts, Donahue Institute in Amherst, MA will host this Institute.

**The Institute on Contemporary American Literature** will provide a multinational group of up to 18 foreign university faculty and scholars with a deeper understanding of U.S. society and culture, past and present, through an examination of contemporary American (U.S.) literature. Its purpose is twofold: to explore contemporary American writers and writing in a variety of genres; and to suggest how the themes explored in those works reflect larger currents within contemporary U.S. society and culture. The program will explore the diversity of the American literary landscape, examining how major contemporary writers, schools, and movements reflect the traditions of the U.S.

literary canon. At the same time, the program will expose participants to writers who represent a departure from that tradition, and who are establishing new directions for American literature. Pending final ECA grant approval, Seattle University in Washington will host this Institute.

**The Institute on Journalism and Media** will provide a multinational group of 18 journalism instructors and other related specialists with a deeper understanding of the roles that journalism and the media play in U.S. society. The Institute will examine the rights and responsibilities of the media in a democratic society, including editorial independence, journalistic ethics, legal constraints, international journalism, and media business models. The Institute will examine pedagogical strategies for teaching students of journalism the basics of the tradecraft: researching, reporting, writing, and editing. The program will also highlight the impact of technology on journalism, such as the influence of the Internet, the globalization of the news media, the growth of satellite television and radio networks, and other changes that are transforming the profession. Pending final ECA grant approval, Ohio University in Athens, Ohio will host this Institute.

**The Institute on Religious Pluralism in the United States** will provide a multinational group of up to 18 foreign university faculty and practitioners with a deeper understanding of U.S. society and culture, past and present, through an examination of religious pluralism in the United States and its intersection with American democracy. Employing a multi-disciplinary approach and drawing on fields such as history, political science, anthropology and sociology, law, and others, the program will explore both the historical and contemporary relationship between religion and state in the United States. Participants will examine the ways in which religious thought and practice have influenced, and been influenced by the development of American-style democracy. Study will also include a survey of the diversity of contemporary religious beliefs in relation to the 1st amendment to the US constitution, elections, public policy, and the demography of the United States. Interfaith dialogue in the American context will be practiced in the context of the group itself as well as site visits to a diversity of religious communities. Pending final ECA grant approval, the Dialogue Institute at Temple University in Philadelphia, PA will host this Institute.

**The Institute on U.S. Culture and Society** will provide a multinational group of 18 experienced and highly-motivated foreign university faculty and other specialists with a deeper understanding of U.S. society, culture, values, and institutions. The Institute will examine the ethnic, racial, social, economic, political, and religious contexts in which various cultures have manifested in U.S. society while focusing on the ways in which these cultures have influenced social movements and American identity throughout U.S. history. The program will draw from a diverse disciplinary base, and will itself provide a model of how a foreign university might approach the study of U.S. culture and society. Pending final ECA grant approval, New York University in New York City will host this Institute.

**The Institute on U.S. Foreign Policy** will provide a multinational group of 18 experienced foreign university faculty and practitioners with a deeper understanding of how contemporary U.S. foreign policy is formulated and implemented. The Institute will include a historical review of significant events, individuals, and philosophies that have shaped U.S. foreign policy. The Institute will explain the role of key players in U.S. foreign policy including the executive and legislative branches of government, the media, the U.S. public, think-tanks, non-governmental organizations, and multilateral institutions. Pending final ECA grant approval, Bard College in Annandale-on-Hudson, NY will host this Institute.

**Participant Eligibility:**

- Candidates should be mid-career, typically between the ages of 30-50, highly-motivated, experienced scholars and professionals generally from institutions of higher education or research focused organizations (not-for-profits, think\_tanks, etc.). While the educational level of participants will likely vary, most should have graduate degrees and have substantial knowledge of the thematic area of the Institute or a related field.
- Ideal candidates are individuals whose home institution is seeking to introduce aspects of U.S. studies into its curricula, to develop new courses in the subject of the Institute, to enhance and update existing courses on the United States, or to offer specialized seminars/workshops for professionals in U.S. studies areas related to the program theme. While the nominee's scholarly and professional credentials are an important consideration, the potential impact and multiplier effect of the Institute is equally important. Ideal candidates will have little or no prior experience in the United States.
- Applicants must have excellent proficiency in English and outstanding qualifications, as these programs are extremely competitive.
- Candidates must be willing to participate fully in an intensive post-graduate level academic program and study tour.
- Individuals holding permanent residence status in the United States (including U.S. citizens and green card holders) are not eligible to participate in this program.
- Applicants should be residing in Jerusalem, Gaza, or the West Bank the country at the time of submitting the applications and interview process.
- Participation in the program is contingent upon the applicant qualifying for a J-1 visa to the United States.

The SUSI program will cover the following costs: international and domestic travel, health insurance, accommodations, and a basic stipend in the United States. SUSI Fellows will travel to the United States without dependent family members.

**Application Deadline and inquiries:**

Please submit a copy of your passport, CV, and nomination form attached below by no later than **January 9, 2018**. The announcement and form are found on this link: <http://jerusalem.usconsulate.gov/academicprofessionals.html>

For general information about the SUSI programs, please visit this site:  
<http://exchanges.state.gov/susi>.

**Jerusalem and West Bank Applicants:** Email completed application packages to [jerusalemexchange@state.gov](mailto:jerusalemexchange@state.gov); for more information.

**Gaza Applicants:** Email completed application packages to [GazaExchanges@gmail.com](mailto:GazaExchanges@gmail.com).

### **Nomination Form:**

***Application Deadline is: No later than January 09, 2018***

Please complete and *send to below emails attaching your updated resume and copy of your passport biographical information* [Jerusalemexchanges@state.gov](mailto:Jerusalemexchanges@state.gov) (Jerusalem, West Bank) / [GazaExchanges@gmail.com](mailto:GazaExchanges@gmail.com) (Gaza)

SUSI program you are applying for:

- A. Nominee's Full Name: Last Name(s), First Name, Middle Name.
- B. Gender
- C. Date of Birth (please spell out Month, Day, Year)
- D. Birth City
- E. Birth Country
- F. Country(ies) of Citizenship:
- G. Country of Residence
- H. Medical, Physical, Dietary or other Personal Considerations:
- I. Candidate Contact Information: Home Address, City, E-mail, and Telephone.
- J. Current Position/Title, Institutional Name, and Country
- K. Work Experience, including previous positions and titles, place
- L. Education; Academic & Professional Training, degree earned and fields of specialization, place.
- M. Active Professional Memberships
- N. Publications: publication year, type of publication, title, and publisher. All foreign titles should be translated into English. (Please list no more than 10.)
- O. Previous Experience in the United States: trips made to the United States; dates & reason.
- P. Family Residing in the United States:
- Q. Evidence of English Fluency (e.g. personal interview, test score, etc.)
- R. Personal Statement of Interest (no more than one page):