



## Scholarship Opportunities for University Faculty and Scholars

The U.S. Embassy is accepting applications from university faculty and scholars for 2016 Study of the United States Institutes. This year's six institutes will address:

- **U.S. Culture and Society** –
- **U.S. Political Thought** –
- **Contemporary American Literature** –
- **U.S. Foreign Policy** –
- **Journalism and Media** –
- **Religious Pluralism in the United States** --

- Sponsor: Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs  
United States Department of State
- Program period: Six weeks beginning in or after June 2016
- Venue: American universities (Please see the detailed descriptions below.)
- Participants: Each institute will consist of a multinational group of 18 foreign university faculty and scholars.
- Funding: The U.S. Department of State will cover all participant costs, including: program administration; international and domestic travel; ground transportation; allowances for books, cultural, housing, subsistence, mailing, and incidental expenses; and health insurance coverage.
- Program Requirements and Restrictions: All participants are expected to participate fully in the program. This is an intensive program and there will be little time for personal pursuits unrelated to the program. The Institute is not a research program. Participants must attend all lectures and organized activities and complete assigned readings. Family members and/or friends may not accompany participants on any part of the program. Institute curriculum will not formally address teaching methodology and pedagogical methods.

## Candidate Description and Qualifications:

- 1) Candidates should be Japanese citizens who are mid-career, typically between the ages of 30-50, highly-motivated and experienced scholars and professionals generally from institutions of higher education who have regular teaching responsibilities at their home institutions. While the educational level of participants will likely vary, most should have graduate degrees and substantial knowledge of the thematic area of the Institute or a related field.
- 2) Priority will be given to candidates 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 candidate's scholarly and professional credentials are an important consideration, the potential impact and multiplier effect of the Institute is equally important.
- 3) Priority will be given to candidates who have little or no prior experience in the United States.
- 4) Candidates should be willing and able to take part fully in an intensive post-graduate level academic program and study tour. Candidates should also be comfortable with campus life and an active program schedule.

## English Language Ability:

Candidates must demonstrate English language fluency. Institutes are rigorous and demanding programs; participants will be expected to handle substantial reading assignments in English and to fully and actively participate in all seminar and panel discussions. English fluency is vital to a successful experience in the Institute.

## Detailed Program Descriptions:

Please see the detailed program descriptions below.

## Application:

Interested professionals are requested to fill out the application form and send it **by 5:30 p.m. on January 6, 2016** to the following email accounts:

[TokyoPASEnglish@state.gov](mailto:TokyoPASEnglish@state.gov) [Subject line: "2016 SUSI for the *name of the institute*"]

Applications received after January 6 will not be accepted.

The U.S. Embassy will screen applications to determine one primary candidate for each institute to be nominated to the State Department for final selection.

Please note that candidates with substantial U.S. experience will unlikely to be selected.

For additional information or questions, please contact:

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### **Study of the U.S. Institute on U.S. Culture and Society**

This program will provide participants 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 themselves 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. The host institution of this institute has not been determined yet.

### **Study of the U.S. Institute on U.S. Political Thought**

This program will provide participants with 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 its connection to U.S. politics and institutions by linking contemporary issues with historical 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 concludes with an integrated two-week study tour to Boston, New York City, Gettysburg, Harrisburg, Charlottesville, and Washington, D.C. The Institute will be hosted by the University of Massachusetts Donahue Institute, Amherst, Massachusetts.

### **Study of the U.S. Institute on Contemporary American Literature**

This program will provide participants with a deeper understanding of U.S. society and culture, past and present, through an examination of contemporary American 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 American 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. The Institute will be hosted by the University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky.

## **Study of the U.S. Institute on U.S. Foreign Policy**

This program will provide participants 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. The host institution of this institute has not been determined yet.

## **Study of the U.S. Institute on Journalism and Media**

This program will provide participants with a deeper understanding of the roles that journalism and the media play in U.S. society. It 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 cover strategies for teaching students of journalism the basics of the tradecraft: researching, reporting, writing, and editing. The program will also highlight technology's impact 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 in media that are transforming the profession. The host institution of this institute has not been determined yet.

## **Study of the U.S. Institute on Religious Pluralism in the United States**

This program will provide participants 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, sociology, anthropology, law and others, the program will explore both the historical and contemporary relationship between church and state in the United States. Participants will examine the following aspects of religious pluralism in the United States: the ways in which religious thought and practice have influenced, and been influenced by, the development of American-style democracy; the intersections of religion and politics in the United States in such areas as elections, public policy, and foreign policy; and the sociology and demography of religion in the United States today, including a survey of the diversity of contemporary religious beliefs and its impact on American politics and society. The institute will be hosted by the University of California, Santa Barbara.