

Study of the U.S. Institutes (SUSI)



ELIGIBILITY FACTORS

Scholars and Secondary Educators

- » Have firm plans to enhance, update, or develop courses, educational materials, or research with a focus on U.S. studies
- » Proficient in English
- » Have little or no prior experience traveling to the United States
- » Eligible to receive a United States J-1 visa

Student Leaders

- » Be an undergraduate student between the ages of 18 and 25
- » Demonstrate leadership through academic work, community involvement, and extracurricular activities
- » Proficient in English, unless part of designated Spanish-speaking Institutes
- » Have little or no prior travel or study experience in the United States
- » Eligible to receive a United States J-1 visa

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Study of the U.S. Institutes (SUSIs) promote a better understanding of the culture, institutions, and people of the United States among foreign students, educators, and scholars. SUSIs are five-to-six week academic programs hosted by educational institutions in the United States. Focusing on various themes in U.S. studies, SUSIs include an intensive academic residency on a U.S. university or college campus and an educational study tour to a different area of the United States.

SCHOLARS AND SECONDARY EDUCATORS

Program Activities

SUSIs for Scholars and Secondary Educators are academic programs for mid-career scholars, professors, practitioners, teachers, and administrators designed to strengthen curricula and improve the quality of teaching about the United States in academic institutions and secondary schools overseas. Participants meet with scholars and experts, interact with diverse American communities, visit civic institutions, and explore U.S. society, culture, values, diversity, and institutions. Each Institute typically hosts 18 to 20 participants from around the globe.

Institute Themes

American Culture and Values • Workforce Development • Journalism and Media • Religious Pluralism in the United States • U.S. Foreign Policy • U.S. Economics and Business • SUSIs for Secondary Educators

STUDENT LEADERS

Program Activities

SUSIs for Student Leaders are designed for foreign undergraduates to improve their understanding of the United States and develop their leadership skills. The Institutes include an academic residency, leadership development, local community service activities, and interaction with American peers. Twenty students from designated countries participate in each Institute.

Institute Themes

Civic Engagement • Comparative Public Policymaking for Pakistan • Education and the Future of Work • Entrepreneurship and Economic Development • Environmental Issues • Journalism and Media • Religious Pluralism in the United States • Rule of Law and Public Service • Young Women Leaders

