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| **STUDY OF THE U.S. INSTITUTES (SUSIs) FOR SCHOLARS** are intensive post-graduate level academic programs whose purpose is to provide foreign university faculty and other scholars the opportunity to deepen their understanding of U.S. society, culture, values, and institutions.  The goal of the Institutes is to strengthen curricula and to enhance the quality of teaching about the United States at academic institutions abroad.  **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.) * Should have graduate degrees and have substantial knowledge of the thematic area of the Institute or a related field * Have firm plans to enhance, update or develop courses and/or educational materials with a U.S. studies focus or component * Have no prior or limited experience in the United States * Come from a home institution 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 * Demonstrate English language fluency   **NOT ELIGIBLE:**  Individuals in the following circumstances are not eligible for SUSI Program:   * U.S. citizens and permanent residents of the United States; * Individuals currently studying, residing, or working outside of their home country; * Local employees of the U.S. missions abroad who work for the U.S. Department of State and/or the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID and their immediate family members.)   **Institute Themes**  The Institute on **Contemporary American Literature** will provide a multinational group of 18 experienced and highly motivated foreign university faculty and practitioners with a deeper understanding of U.S. society and culture, past and present, through an examination of contemporary American literature. The Institute will examine how major contemporary writers, schools, and movements reflect the U.S. literary canon. The Institute will also explore the diverse communities and voices that constitute the American literary landscape and expose participants to writers who are establishing new directions for American literature. The Institute will cover a variety of contemporary American writers and writing and suggest how the themes explored reflect larger currents within contemporary U.S. society and culture. The **University of Montana** in Missoula will administer and host this Institute.    The Institute on **Journalism and Media** will provide a multinational group of 18 experienced and highly motivated foreign journalism instructors and other related specialists with a deeper understanding of the role that journalism and the media play in U.S. society.  The Institute will examine the role of journalists in recognizing and preventing disinformation and will explore strategies for media and information literacy to counter disinformation.  Additionally, the Institute will examine best practices in journalism by discussing the rights and responsibilities of the media in a democratic society, including editorial independence, journalistic ethics, legal constraints, and international journalism.  In addition, the Institute will examine pedagogical strategies for teaching students of journalism the basics of the tradecraft: researching, critical thinking, reporting, interviewing, writing, and editing.  The program will also highlight the impact of technology in journalism, including the influence of the Internet, globalization of the news media, and other changes that are transforming the profession.  The University of Montana in Missoula will oversee and administer this program; **Arizona State University** in Tempe, will conduct and host the Institute.  The Institute on **U.S. Culture, Identity, 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 through the lens of diversity and national unity. 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 American culture and society. The University of Montana in Missoula will administer this program while **Seattle University** in Washington will host the Institute.  The Institute on **U.S. Economics and Sustainable Development** will provide a multinational group of 18 experienced foreign university faculty, researchers, practitioners, and policymakers with a deeper understanding of key components and structures of the U.S. economy.  Using a multidisciplinary approach, the program will explore various topics of socioeconomics; how financial institutions, investors, and businesses interact to support sustainable economic development, innovation, and growth; and increasing diverse and equitable employment through institutional regulation, social inclusion strategies, and private and public policies.  Throughout the Institute, participants will examine the interplay of climate change, U.S. business innovation, corporate regulation, entrepreneurship, and economic theory.  Participants will have opportunities to learn about key institutions and stakeholders in the U.S. economy and meet with a diverse range of business leaders and small business owners, among others.  The University of Montana in Missoula will administer this program; the Institute for Training and Development (ITD), in conjunction with Suffolk University, will host the Institute in Amherst and Boston, Massachusetts.    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 new approaches to U.S. foreign policy and how 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 influences on 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 program will also examine the current U.S. foreign policymaking landscape and recent trends that are shaping policy.  The University of Montana in Missoula will oversee and administer this program; the **University of Delaware** will conduct and host the Institute in Newark, Delaware.  For more information and the application form is available visit the U.S. Embassy website: [The Study of the U.S. Institutes (SUSI) for Scholars - U.S. Embassy in Albania (usembassy.gov)](https://al.usembassy.gov/the-study-of-the-u-s-institutes-susi-for-scholars/)  **APPLICATION GUIDELINES**  Please fill in the application (Word Document 24 KB) with all the required information.  Make sure to specify the program you are applying for and send your application to [CultureandEducationTirana@state.gov](mailto:CultureandEducationTirana@state.gov)  **APPLICATION DEADLINE: November 8, 2024**  **FOR ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS please contact:** [CultureandEducationTirana@state.gov](mailto:CultureandEducationTirana@state.gov) |