



**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
SUMMER 2024 STUDY OF THE U.S. INSTITUTES (SUSIs)
FOR YOUNG WOMEN LEADERS ON PUBLIC POLICY**

The United States Consulate General Hong Kong and Macau is accepting applications until November 30, 2023 for undergraduate students to attend the Study of the U.S. Institutes for Young Women Leaders in 2024.

Study of the U.S. Institutes for Young Women Leaders (SUSIs) on Public Policy is an intensive five-week academic program designed for female undergraduate students between the ages of 18 and 25 to improve their understanding of the United States and to develop their leadership skills. The program will tentatively take place from 21 June to 26 July 2024 and comprises a four-week academic residency with a balanced series of seminar discussions, readings, group presentations, and lectures; as well as site visits, leadership development, cultural activities, and community service to complement the coursework and academic sessions. There will be an additional one-week integrated study tour in the United States if conditions allow.

SUSIs for Young Women Leaders on Public Policy, hosted by the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kansas, will examine a variety of topics including women in public service; the roles of government, private sector, civil society, and media in the policymaking process; and public policy as it relates to education, public health, economic issues, technology and privacy, and diversity and inclusion, among others. Specific program components may include a visit to St. Louis, Missouri, a panel discussion at Boeing with women leaders, a tour of the Kansas State capitol in Topeka, and a self-defense course.

Program Funding: The program covers all participant costs, including program administration; travel allowances (international/domestic travel and ground transportation); health insurance, book, cultural, mailing, and incidental allowances; as well as housing and subsistence.

The Candidate should:

1. be female and between 18 and 25 years of age;
2. have at least one semester left of their undergraduate studies, and be committed to returning to their home universities following completion of the program;
3. demonstrate English language proficiency (speaking, reading, writing, listening);
4. demonstrate strong leadership in their university and community activities;
5. demonstrate commitment to community and extracurricular university activities;
6. have little or no prior study or travel experience in the U.S. or elsewhere outside of their home country;
7. be mature, responsible, independent, confident, open-minded, tolerant, thoughtful, and inquisitive;
8. be willing and able to fully participate in an intensive academic program, community service, and educational travel;
9. (if the program is conducted in-person) be comfortable with campus life, prepared to share living accommodations, and able to adjust to cultural and social practices different from those of their home country.

Interested individuals should complete and return an application form to Exchanges-HK@state.gov before November 30, 2023. Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an interview in January 2024. Selections will be announced by the end of April 2024.