



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS SUMMER 2024 STUDY OF THE U.S. INSTITUTES FOR SCHOLARS

The United States Consulate General Hong Kong and Macau is accepting applications until December 15, 2023 from non-U.S. university faculty and practitioners to attend the Study of the U.S. Institutes in 2024.

Study of the U.S. Institutes for Scholars (SUSIs) are intensive post-graduate-level academic programs that provide non-U.S. university faculty and other scholars the opportunity to deepen their understanding of U.S. society, culture, values, and institutions. The program goal is to strengthen curricula and to enhance the quality of teaching about the United States in academic institutions abroad.

SUSI will take place at various colleges, universities, and academic institutions throughout the United States over the course of five-to-six week beginning in summer 2024. Each Institute includes a four-week academic residency component and, if possible, up to two weeks of an integrated study tour to another region of the United States. <https://exchanges.state.gov/non-us/program/study-us-institutes>

Program Funding: All costs including program administration; travel allowances, international economy class and domestic travel and ground transportation; book, cultural, mailing and incidental allowances; and housing and medical insurance will be covered.

Program Requirements and Restrictions: All participants are expected to participate fully in the program. Candidates should be aware that 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. If the program is conducted virtually, the same participation requirements apply. Note that Institute curriculum will not formally address teaching methodology and pedagogical methods.

Housing will typically be in university-owned housing. When possible, each participant will have a private room with a shared bathroom during the residency. However, private room accommodations are not guaranteed.

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Mid-career between the ages of 30 and 50
- Demonstrated English language proficiency
- Have limited prior experience in the United States
- Have firm plans to enhance, update, or develop courses and/or educational materials with U.S. studies focus upon return
- Not a U.S. citizen or permanent resident of the United States
- Eligible to receive a United States J-1 visa

Interested individuals should complete and return an application form to Exchanges-HK@state.gov before December 15, 2023. Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an interview in January 2024. Selections will be announced by the end of April 2024.

Inquiries: Public Affairs Section | U.S. Consulate Hong Kong and Macau
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Study of the U.S. Institutes for Scholars comprise the following themes in U.S. Studies:

- i. American Politics and Political Thought;
- ii. Contemporary American Literature;
- iii. Journalism and Media;
- iv. U.S. Culture, Identity, and Society;
- v. U.S. Economics and Sustainable Development; and
- vi. U.S. Foreign Policy

The Institute on **American Politics and Political Thought** will provide a multinational group of 18 experienced and highly motivated non-U.S. university faculty and practitioners insight into how intellectual and political movements have influenced American political institutions and American democracy. The Institute will explore the shaping of American identity and the chemistry between that identity and U.S. history, politics, and the democratic process. The Institute will cover a broad range of American experiences that have influenced and been influenced by American national identity. The Institute will provide a deeper understanding of major currents in U.S. political thought, from the colonial period to the present, and explore contemporary U.S. political and social debates and public policy, relating them back to U.S. political thought and American identity. The **University of Massachusetts in Amherst, MA** will host this Institute.

The Institute on **Contemporary American Literature** will provide a multinational group of 18 experienced and highly motivated non-U.S. 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 (UM)** in Missoula, MT will host this Institute.

The Institute on **Journalism and Media** will provide a multinational group of 18 experienced and highly motivated journalism instructors and other related specialists from around the world with a deeper understanding of the roles 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. The program will also highlight the impact of technology in journalism, including the influence of the digital economy, globalization of the news media, and other changes that are transforming the profession. **Arizona State University** in Tempe, AZ will host this Institute.

The Institute on **U.S. Culture, Identity, and Society** will provide a multinational group of 18 experienced and highly motivated non-U.S. university faculty and other specialists with a deeper understanding of

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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 provide a model of how a non-U.S. university might approach the study of American culture and society. **Seattle University** in Seattle, Washington will host this Institute.

The Institute on **U.S. Economics and Sustainable Development** will provide a multinational group of 18 experienced non-U.S. 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 **Institute for Training and Development (ITD)**, in conjunction with **Suffolk University**, will host this Institute in Amherst and Boston, MA.

The Institute on **U.S. Foreign Policy** will provide a multinational group of 18 experienced and highly motivated non-U.S. 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 program 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 Institute will also examine the current U.S. foreign policymaking landscape and emerging trends that are shaping policy. The **University of Delaware** will host this Institute in Newark, DE.