



Study of the U.S. Institute (SUSI) for Scholars CALL FOR APPLICATIONS – SUMMER 2025

The U.S. Consulate General Hong Kong and Macau is accepting applications from university scholars until November 15, 2024, to attend the Study of the U.S. Institutes for Scholars in summer 2025.



Program Introduction

Study of the U.S. Institutes (SUSIs) for Scholars are intensive post-graduate level academic programs that provide foreign 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. SUSIs for Scholars will take place at various colleges, universities, and academic institutions throughout the United States over the course of five to six weeks in summer 2025. Each Institute, which will take place over the course of five to six weeks beginning between late-May and early-July 2025, includes a four-week academic residency component and a one-week integrated study tour in the United States.

Program Requirements and Restrictions

All participants are expected to participate fully in the program. Candidates should be aware that they are applying for 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.

Applicant Requirement

Applicants must:

- be mid-career, typically between the ages of 30-50;
- be Hong Kong or Macau permanent residents;
- be scholars and professionals from higher education institutions or research-focused organizations in Hong Kong or Macau;
- have a graduate degree and substantial knowledge of the thematic area of the Institute or a related field;
- NOT be U.S. citizens, U.S. permanent residents (green card holders), or relatives of U.S. Consulate General employees.
- demonstrate the necessary English language proficiency;
- be willing and able to fully take part in an intensive post-graduate level academic program;
- and be comfortable with campus life, and able to be receptive of other cultures and be prepared to engage with others in mutual respect.

Selection Criteria

Preference will be given to applicants who:

- have special interest and expertise in the program subject areas as demonstrated through past scholarship, accomplishments, and professional duties;
- have firm plans to enhance, update, or develop courses and/or educational materials to introduce aspects of U.S. studies into its curricula, or to offer specialized seminars/workshops for professionals in U.S. studies areas related to the theme;
- have potential impact and multiplier effect from their participation;
- and have limited or no prior experience in the United States.

Diversity and Accessibility

We encourage applications from historically underrepresented groups, including individuals with disabilities. Care will be taken to ensure that any special requirements regarding diet, daily worship, housing, and medical care are satisfied. Special accommodations will be made available to the greatest extent possible.

Program Funding

All program-related participant costs, including program administration; travel allowances, international and domestic travel, and ground transportation; book, cultural, mailing, and incidental allowances; and housing and subsistence, will be covered. All participants will receive

the Department of State's Accident and Sickness Program for Exchanges (ASPE) health benefit during their stay.

Housing and Meal Arrangements

When possible, each participant will have a private room with a shared bathroom during the residency portion (four weeks) of the Institute. However, private room accommodations are not guaranteed. During the study tour (up to two weeks), participants will likely share a hotel room with another participant of the same gender. During the residency, housing will typically be in college or university-owned housing. Most meals will be provided at campus facilities, though participants may have access to a kitchen to cook some meals on their own.

Program Content

SUSIs for Scholars focus on the following themes in U.S. Studies:

- The Institute on **American Politics and Political Thought** will provide a multinational group of 18 experienced and highly motivated foreign 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 Montana will administer this program while the **University of Massachusetts** in Amherst, Massachusetts, will host this Institute.
- 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 texts and suggest how the themes explored reflect larger currents within contemporary U.S. society and culture. The **University of Montana** in Missoula, Montana, 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 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. The University of Montana will administer this program; **Arizona State University** in Tempe, Arizona, will 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 provide a model of how a foreign university might approach the study of American culture and society. The University of Montana will administer this program; **Seattle University** in Seattle, 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 such as 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 will administer this program; the **Institute for Training and Development (ITD)**, in conjunction with **Suffolk University**, will jointly host the Institute in Amherst and Boston, Massachusetts.

- The Institute on **U.S. Foreign Policy** will provide a multinational group of 18 experienced and highly motivated 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 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 Montana will administer this program; the **University of Delaware** will host the Institute in Newark, Delaware.

Application and Selection Process

Interested individuals should complete the **designated online application form** on or before **November 15, 2024**. Applicants must select one of the themes above. Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an interview in December 2024. Selections will be announced in April 2025.

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More Information

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