

美國研究所
2013 暑期研習獎學金申請簡介

RELIGIOUS PLURALISM IN THE UNITED STATES

美國宗教多元性

Host Institution:

The University of California at Santa Barbara

Mid June - Early August, 2013

研習期間: 2013 年 6 月中至 8 月初

Deadline for Applications: December 31, 2012

申請報名截止日期: 2012 年 12 月 31 日



1. Institute Objectives 研習會目標

This Study of the U.S. Institute is an intensive, rigorous six-week academic seminar with integrated tours. The purpose of the program is to provide university-level faculty and other scholars from countries worldwide with a deeper understanding of American society, culture and institutions, past and present. The program's ultimate goal is to strengthen curricula and to improve the quality of teaching about the United States at universities and other educational, training and research institutions.

2. Program Description 研習會簡介

The Study of the U.S. Institute on "Religious Pluralism in the United States" will provide a multinational group of up to 18 university faculty and practitioners with a deeper understanding of U.S. society and culture through an examination of religious pluralism in the United States and its intersection with American democracy. Employing a multi-disciplinary approach, drawing on fields such as history, political science, sociology, anthropology, law and others where appropriate, the program will explore both the historical and contemporary relationship between church and state in the United States. Participants will examine the following aspects of religious pluralism in the United States: the way in which religious thought and practice have influenced, and been influenced by, the development of American-style democracy; the intersections of religion and politics in the United States in such areas as elections, public policy, and foreign policy; and the sociology and demography of religion in the United States today, including a survey of the diversity of contemporary religious beliefs and its impact on American politics. The institute will be hosted by the University of California at Santa Barbara. Prospective applicants are encouraged to visit the following website to obtain general information about the previous year's Institute: <http://exchanges.state.gov/academicexchanges/scholars.html>.

The Institute is tentatively scheduled for mid-June to early August, 2013



3. Housing and meal arrangements

Typically, participants will have a private room with a shared bathroom during the residency portion (four weeks) of the institute, and may share a hotel room with another participant of the same gender during the study tour (up to two weeks.) 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. Full details will be provided when available. It is important that applicants understand these arrangements, particularly sharing a hotel room with another participant for up to two weeks.

4. Health Insurance

All participants will receive the Department of State's insurance coverage of USD50,000, with a \$15 co-pay per medical visit, for the duration of the program. Pre-existing conditions are not covered. Information on the health benefit program may be found online at <http://usdos.sevencorners.com>.

5. Funding

The Study of the U.S. Institute will cover all participant costs, including: program administration; international travel; domestic travel and ground transportation; book, cultural, housing and subsistence, mailing, and incidental allowances.

6. Program requirements and restrictions

All participants are expected to participate fully in the program. They are expected to attend all lectures and organized activities, and complete assigned readings. Family members and/or friends cannot accompany participants on any part of the program [no exceptions]. Please note that teaching methodology and pedagogical methods will not be addressed formally in the institute program. Candidates should be aware that they are applying for an intensive institute and there will be little time for personal pursuits unrelated to the program. The institute should not be viewed as a research program. It is important that applicants understand and accept these requirements and restrictions.

7. Candidate qualifications

(A) Candidates should be mid-career, highly-motivated and experienced professionals from institutions of higher education. While the educational level of participants will likely vary, most should have graduate degrees and have substantial knowledge of religious pluralism in the U.S.

(B) The ideal candidate will also be an experienced professional with little or no prior experience



in the United States, whose home institution is 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. In this respect, while the candidate's scholarly and professional credentials are an important consideration, an equally important factor is how participation in the institute will enhance mutual understanding course offerings in U.S. studies at the candidate's home institution.

(C) Candidates should be willing and able to fully take part in an intensive post-graduate level academic program and study tour. While senior faculty members are eligible applicants, first consideration will be given to younger, mid-career professionals, and to persons who are likely to be comfortable with campus life (including campus-style accommodations) and an active program schedule.

8. To apply for the institute

Applicants should submit an application for this program by fax or e-mail. The application deadline is December 31, 2012. The application form may be viewed and downloaded from <http://ait.org.tw/en/study-of-the-us-institutes.html>.

To submit an application or to request more program details, all interested scholars are welcome to contact Cultural Affairs Specialist Rei-shang Wang, AIT American Cultural Center, Suite 2101, 21F, No. 333 Keelung Road, Section 1, Taipei, 110 Taiwan
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