



## U.S. Embassy in Cairo Study of the United States Institutes for Student Leaders on Religious Pluralism, Social Entrepreneurship and Women's Leadership

### Description:

The 2013 Study of the United States Institutes for Student Leaders on Religious Pluralism, Social Entrepreneurship and Women's Leadership are intensive academic programs whose purpose is to provide groups of Egyptian undergraduate student leaders with a deeper understanding of the United States, while simultaneously enhancing their leadership skills. The Institutes will take place in June and July 2013; exact dates will be announced at a later time. Successful applicants will be provided with international/ domestic airfare, housing, a living stipend, tuition, books/ incidental allowances, and health insurance coverage.

#### **Program (1) The Institute on Religious Pluralism in the U.S.**

The four week academic residency will consist of a balanced series of seminar discussions, readings, group presentations, and lectures. The Institute will conclude with a 3 day program in Washington, D.C. The Study of the U.S. Institute on Religious Pluralism in the U.S. will explore U.S. history, society, and institutions within the context of religious pluralism and interfaith dialogue. Topics will include, but are not limited to, early religious traditions in the U.S.; the separation of church and state; immigration and the introduction of new religions in the U.S.; protection and representation of minority groups and religions; and interfaith dialogue and cooperation in a diverse and rapidly changing world. Participants will meet with U.S. community leaders of different faiths that advocate for collaboration and tolerance among religious groups. Participants will also examine the leadership role that religious officials play in their own societies and develop ideas for how they can work with leaders, of similar or different faiths, to bring about positive social change. The Institute host will be determined at a later date.

#### **Program (2) The Institute on Social Entrepreneurship**

The four week academic residency will consist of a balanced series of seminar discussions, readings, group presentations, and lectures. The Institute will conclude with a 3 day program in Washington, D.C. The Study of the U.S. Institute on Social Entrepreneurship will provide participants with an overview of how to employ entrepreneurial skills to address social issues. The Institute will review the development, history, challenges, and successes of social enterprises and community leaders, in the United States and globally. Topics may include microfinance; organizational development and management; grant writing; innovation; emerging markets and risk analysis; strategic business planning; corporate social responsibility; and, women and minorities in entrepreneurship. The Institute host will be determined at a later date.

#### **Program (3) The two Institutes on Women's Leadership**

The four week academic residencies will consist of a balanced series of seminar discussions, readings, group presentations, and lectures. Program will conclude with a 3 day program in Washington, D.C. The Study of the U.S. Institute on Women's Leadership will examine the history and participation of women in public life in the United States. The Institute will focus on two major areas: (1) Developing participants' leadership skills in areas such as critical thinking, communication, decision-making, and managerial abilities; and, (2) Placing these abilities in the context of the history and participation of women in U.S. politics, economics, culture, and society. The Institute will examine the historical domestic progress towards women's equality in the United States, the current domestic successes and challenges to women in a variety of fields, and current challenges in global women's issues. The Institute host will be determined at a later date.

## Eligibility Requirements:

Ideal candidates must:

- Be Egyptian citizens, living in Egypt
- have a strong interest in religious pluralism, social entrepreneurship or women's leadership (depend on each program)
- be fluent in English
- currently enrolled and in good standing in an Egyptian university and between 18 and 25 years of age
- have completed at least one semester of University and have at least one semester remaining in their university studies
- be committed to returning to Egypt to complete their degree
- demonstrate strong leadership qualities
- have a sustained high level of academic achievement
- have demonstrated commitment to community and extracurricular university activities
- have no prior study or travel experience in the United States
- be willing and able to fully participate in an intensive academic program, community service, and educational travel; and,
- be comfortable with campus life, prepared to share living accommodations, and able to make adjustments to cultural and social practices different from those of their home country.

## Application Instructions:

Download application at: <http://egypt.usembassy.gov/pa/xchgs.html>

Completed applications must include:

- Completed Application Checklist Form
- Completed Biographical Application
- Nomination form: **The nominator can be academic (professor, advisor or teacher), or professional (work/internship supervisor). The form should be type-written in English and signed by hand.**
- 1 Recommendation Letter (can be from the university or another institution). **The recommendation letter should be type-written in English and signed by hand.**
- Personal Statement
- Copy of official university transcript (please do not submit original transcripts). **Transcripts are the official document from the applicant's university showing the student's scores, grades etc for previous years of study.**
- Copy of National ID and/or passport

Please submit your applications as below:

Step 1: Complete your application online then print it.

Step 2: Envelope:

- Write your full name on the envelope.
- List the program name and number on the envelope.
- Do not seal the envelope.

Step 3: Delivery:

- Applications will be accepted **ONLY** from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Sunday through Thursday (work days only).
- Applications must be **HAND** delivered to the Power Checkpoint guard at the North Gate of the U.S. Embassy (8 Kamal El Din Salah Street, Garden City).
- Applications must be delivered in **OPEN** envelopes.

For any inquiries, please : [CairoSUSIstudents@state.gov](mailto:CairoSUSIstudents@state.gov)

**Remark:** Repeated or incomplete applications and any applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

**Deadline for Applications: December 23, 2012 at 2:00 PM**