

**UNITED STATES CONSULATE GENERAL HO CHI MINH CITY
PUBLIC AFFAIRS SECTION**

**Announcement
2013 STUDY OF THE UNITED STATES INSTITUTES
FOR SCHOLARS AND SECONDARY SCHOOL EDUCATORS**

The Public Affairs Section (PAS) of the U.S. Consulate General in Ho Chi Minh City is seeking qualified candidates from Thừa Thiên-Huế to the south for the Study of the United States Institutes (SUSI) programs for scholars and secondary school educators in 2013.

Program Overview

SUSI programs are intensive post-graduate level academic programs with integrated study tours whose purpose is to provide foreign university faculty and other scholars the opportunity to deepen their understanding of American society, culture, and institutions. Knowledge and experience gained from these programs are expected to help the participants to strengthen curricula and to improve the quality of teaching about the United States in their own universities and institutions when they return to their home country.

Each program will host 18 participants from different countries around the world and take place over the course of six weeks beginning in mid-June 2013. We hope to nominate one scholar from Vietnam for each of the programs below. All participant costs, including: program administration, international and domestic travel and ground transportation, housing and subsistence, book, cultural, mailing and incidental allowances will be sponsored by the U.S. Department of State.

Summary of the Institutes

1. Religious Pluralism in the United States

The Institute on Religious Pluralism in the United States will provide a multinational group of up to 18 foreign university faculty and practitioners with a deeper understanding of U.S. society and culture, past and present, through an examination of religious pluralism in the United States and its intersection with American democracy. Employing a multi-disciplinary approach and drawing on fields such as history, political science, sociology, anthropology, law, and others, 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 ways 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. Pending ECA grant approval, the Institute will be hosted by the University of California at Santa Barbara.

2. U.S. Foreign Policy

The Institute on U.S. Foreign Policy will provide a multinational group of 18 experienced foreign university faculty and practitioners with a deeper understanding of how contemporary 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 Institute will explain the role of key

players in 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 host will be determined at a later date.

3. *U.S. Culture and Society*

The Institute on U.S. Culture 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. The Institute will examine the ethnic, racial, social, economic, political, and religious contexts in which various cultures have manifested themselves 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 itself provide a model of how a foreign university might approach the study of U.S. culture and society. The Institute host will be determined at a later date.

4. *Secondary School Educators (Teachers)*

The Study of the U.S. Institute for Secondary Educators (Teachers) will provide a multinational group of 30 experienced secondary school teachers with a deeper understanding of U.S. society, education, and culture – past and present. The focus of the Institute will be on providing materials for participants to develop high school level curricula about the United States. To this end, the Institute may be organized around a central theme or themes in U.S. civilization. Through a combination of traditional, multi-disciplinary, and interdisciplinary approaches, program content will elucidate the history and evolution of U.S. institutions and values, broadly defined. The program will also serve to illuminate contemporary political, social, and economic debates in American society. The four week academic residency will be complemented by a two week study tour. The Institute host will be determined at a later date.

Candidate Qualifications

Eligible candidates for the Study of the United States Institutes should:

- be typically between the ages of 30-50;
- be highly-motivated and experienced scholars and professionals generally from institutions of higher education or research focused organizations (not-for-profits, think tanks, etc.).
- have graduate degrees and have substantial knowledge of the thematic area of the Institute or a related field.
- ideally be individuals 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.
- be comfortable with campus life and willing and able to fully take part in an intensive post-graduate level academic program and study tour; and
- demonstrate English language fluency.

Application

Eligible candidates are invited to fill out the application form and send through email to Mr. Nguyen Huu Luan at NguyenLH2@state.com at no later than **5:00 PM, Monday, December 24, 2012**. Hard copies of

application form and supporting documents (degrees, awards, etc.) should be sent to the following address by the same deadline:

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For further information, interested candidates are advised to contact Mr. Nguyen Huu Luan at NguyenLH2@state.gov or call 08-3820 4618. Interested candidates who live in provinces from Quang Tri to the north of Vietnam are advised to contact the Cultural team at pas.culture@gmail.com of the United States Embassy in Hanoi. Application form can be downloaded [here](#).