



Call for Applications

Summer 2012 Study of the United States Institute (SUSI) for Student Leaders on New Media

Application Deadline: No later than November 16th, 2011

The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem announces the call for applications for the summer 2012 Study of the United States Institute (SUSI) for Student Leaders on New Media.

The SUSI Institute on New Media will examine major topics in journalism, including the concept of a free press in the United States, First Amendment rights, the media's relationship to the public interest, and media business models. It will cover all elements of journalism: researching, writing, editing, and reporting with particular emphasis on new forms of media. The program will underscore the impact of new technologies on journalism, and give participants new skills such as working with on-line photos and videos; 'twittering;' publishing blogs; utilizing social networking and other internet sites; and other new technologies.

The program will take place over the course of five weeks from approximately June 15 to July 20, 2012 and will consist of a balanced series of seminar discussions, readings, group presentations, and lectures. The program is fully sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA). The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem will cover all travel logistics to the United States. ECA will cover all participant costs, including: program administration; domestic travel and ground transportation; book, cultural, mailing and incidental allowances; and housing and subsistence. Educational travel to other parts of the United States, local site visits, and volunteer opportunities will complement the coursework and classroom activities.

Candidate Qualifications:

- Applicants must have Palestinian residency identification.
- Individuals holding permanent residence status in the United States (including U.S. citizens and green card holders) are NOT eligible.
- 18 years to 25 years of age.
- Fluent in English to enable active participation in the academic program.
- Have had little or no prior study or travel experience in the United States or elsewhere outside of their home country;
- Major disciplines of candidates accepted: Graphic Design, Information Technology (IT) or Computer Science, International Affairs, Journalism, Literature, Media, Photography, Public Relations, and English Language Studies.

- Have completed at least one semester of university and/or have at least one semester remaining in their undergraduate university studies at the time of the institute (summer 2012).
- Be committed to returning to their home institution to complete their degree after the program.
- Participants are expected to participate fully in the academic program.

Information and Application Guidelines:

West Bank/Jerusalem residents: Tel: (02) 622-7172 or 0545-420953

Gaza residents: Tel: 08-2864-623 or 0599-677-317

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