



Study of the U.S. Institute for Scholars

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The U.S. Embassy in Morocco is pleased to announce the call for applications for the Study of the United States Institutes for Scholars (the six different institutes are listed at the end of this document). These six-week programs will begin in or after June 2015. The hosting institutions will be determined at a later date.

The ultimate goal of these institutes is to strengthen curricula and to enhance the quality of teaching about the United States in academic institutions in Morocco.

WHO CAN APPLY?

The Study of the U.S. Institute is highly competitive. Ideal candidate is an individual whose home institution is seeking to introduce aspects of U.S. Studies into its curricula, to develop new courses in American contemporary literature, to enhance and update existing courses on the U.S., or to offer specialized seminars/workshops for professionals in U.S. Studies areas.

Applicants must:

- Be between 30 and 50 years old;
- demonstrate English language fluency.
- hold a graduate degree (minimum a master's or equivalent) and the demonstrated ability to succeed in an intensive academic environment;
- have little or no prior experience in the United States.

HOW TO APPLY?

Complete and submit your online application at <https://rabatexchanges.recruiterbox.com/jobs/fk04lz>
Any question can be sent to the following e-mail address rabatexchanges@state.gov.

The application deadline is December 15, 2014 at midnight. No late applications will be accepted.

Following are concept summaries on the six institutes:

1) The Institute on Contemporary American Literature:

This institute for scholars is a rigorous post-graduate-level academic seminar with an integrated study tour that will provide a group of 18 international university faculty and scholars with a deeper understanding of U.S. society and culture, past and present, through an examination of contemporary American (U.S.) literature. Its purpose is twofold: to explore contemporary American writers and writing in a variety of genres; and to suggest how the themes explored in those works reflect larger currents within contemporary U.S. society and culture. The program will explore the diversity of the American literary landscape, examining how major contemporary writers, schools, and movements reflect the traditions of the U.S. literature canon. At the same time, the program will expose participants to writers who represent a departure from that tradition, and who are establishing new directions for American literature.

2) The Institute on Journalism Media:

This institute will provide a multinational group of 18 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 rights and responsibilities of the media in a democratic society, including editorial independence, journalistic ethics, legal constraints, international journalism, and media business models. The Institute will cover strategies for teaching students of journalism the basics of the tradecraft: researching, reporting, writing, and editing. The program will also highlight technology's impact on journalism, such as the influence of the internet, the globalization of the news media, the growth of satellite television and radio networks, and other changes in media that are transforming the profession.

3) The Institute on Religious Pluralism in the United States:

This institute 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 and society.

4. The Institute on U.S. Culture and Society:

This institute 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.

5. The Institute on U.S. Foreign Policy:

This institute 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.

6. The Institute on U.S. Political Thought:

This institute will provide a multinational group of 18 experienced foreign university faculty and practitioners with a deeper understanding of major currents in U.S. political thought from the colonial period to the present. Drawing upon the American Political Development approach, the Institute will provide a full and diverse understanding of U.S. political thought its connection to U.S. politics and institutions by linking contemporary issues with historical debates. The Institute will explore particular themes including self-rule and limited government, liberty and freedom, individualism and identity, equality and inequality, and the American dream. The Institute concludes with an integrated two-week study tour to Boston, New York City, Gettysburg, Harrisburg, Charlottesville, and Washington, D.C.