



EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

2014 Study of the United States Institutes (SUSI) for Scholars

Application deadline: Monday, January 27, 2014

The U.S. Embassy seeks qualified Zambian nationals to apply for the Study of the United States Institutes (SUSI) for Scholars programs. SUSI Scholars 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. This program takes place over the course of **six weeks, commencing in June 2014**, and aims to strengthen curricula and to improve the quality of teaching about the United States in academic institutions abroad.

CANDIDATE DESCRIPTION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

- Mid-career, typically between the ages of 30-50, highly-motivated and experienced professionals from institutions of higher education.
- Must have a graduate degree and have substantial knowledge of the thematic area of the Institute.
- 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.
- Should be willing and able to fully take part in an intensive post-graduate level academic program and study tour.
- Should demonstrate English language fluency (participants will be expected to handle substantial reading assignments in English and to be full and active participants in all seminar and panel discussions).
- Have firm plans to enhance, update or develop courses and/or educational materials with a U.S. studies focus or component
- Have limited experience in the United States
- Have special interest in the program subject areas as demonstrated through past scholarship, accomplishments, and professional duties.

HOW TO APPLY:

1. Provide a short personal statement (one page) indicating why you are interested in participating in the program and what you expect to get out of the experience.
2. Candidates should submit CV with the following information:

- A. Title of Institute: (See below for institute themes)
- B. Nominees Full Name: should match his/her passport and should be presented in the following order: Prefix (Dr., Mr., Mrs., Ms., Miss), Last Name(s), First Name, Middle Name.
- C. Gender
- D. Date of Birth (please spell out Month, Day, Year)
- E. Birth City
- F. Birth Country
- G. Country of Citizenship: Primary and, if applicable, secondary country
- H. Country of Residence
- I. Medical, Physical, Dietary or other Personal Considerations
- J. Contact Information: Home Address, City, Home Province, Home Country, E-mail, and Telephone.
- K. Current position/title, institutional name, and country
- L. Work Experience, including previous positions and titles
- M. Education, and Academic and Professional Training, including degree earned and fields of specialization. Degrees listed should reflect the closest U.S. equivalent.
- N. Active Professional Memberships
- O. Publications: Publications should include the publication year, type of publication, title, and publisher. (Please list no more than 10.)
- P. Previous Experience in the United States: Please list all trips the candidate has made to the United States and include approximate dates and the reason for travel.
- Q. Family Residing in the United States: Please list any immediate family members who currently are residing in the United States, including city and state.
- T. Personal Statement: In an essay no longer than one page the candidates should describe why they wish to participate in a Study of the U.S. Institute.

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For information and to submit nomination documents please contact Cultural Affairs Assistant Austin Ngoma at 0211-357407 and via email at ExchangesLusaka@state.gov

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INSTITUTE THEMES:

1. **The Institute on American Politics and Political Thought** will provide a multinational group of 18 foreign university faculty with a deeper understanding of U.S. political institutions and major currents in American political thought. The Institute will offer an overview of political thought during the founding period (constitutional foundations) and the development and current functioning of the American presidency, Congress, and the federal judiciary. The examination of political institutions will include the electoral system, political parties and interest groups, the civil service system, media and think tanks, and the welfare/regulatory state. The Institute will address modern political and cultural issues in the United States (including but not limited to immigration and labor, women, environmental, and civil rights) and the significance of public discourse in the formulation of public policy. Pending ECA grant approval, the Institute will be hosted by the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
2. **The Institute on Contemporary American Literature** will provide a multinational group of up to 18 foreign university faculty and scholars with a deeper understanding of U.S. society and culture, past and present, through an examination of contemporary American 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 American 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 American literary 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. Pending ECA grant approval, the Institute will be hosted by the University of Louisville.
3. **The Institute on Journalism and Media** 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. The Institute host will be determined at a later date.
4. **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.

5. **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.
6. **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.