

Study of the United States Institutes
Academic Programs
Summer 2008
On
American Civilization
Religious Pluralism in the United States
U.S. Foreign Policy
Contemporary American Literature
Journalism and Media in the United States
American Politics and Political Thought

Essential Program Information:

Studies of the United States Institutes are six-week post-graduate level academic programs for multinational groups of university faculty from outside the United States. Institutes are held at university campuses throughout the U.S. and focus on a particular theme or topic about the U.S. Eighteen foreign educators participate in each Faculty Institute. The Secondary Institutes have 30 participants each.

The purpose of these institutes is to strengthen curricula and improve the quality of teaching about the United States in academic institutions overseas. Each program includes two components: an intensive, four-week academic seminar and a study tour of up to two weeks designed to reinforce the academic content of the seminar.

Program requirements:

Candidate description and qualifications: Candidates should be university faculty or professionals whose institutions of higher education are seeking to develop new courses or programs in the subject of the institute. Preference will be given to candidates with little or no previous experience in the United States.

Attendance: Participants are expected to attend the entire program. They are also expected to attend all lectures and non-optional organized activities and to complete assigned readings. Family members and/or friends may not accompany participants on any part of the program.

Methodology & Personal Research: Teaching methodology will not be addressed formally in the institutes. Applicants should be aware that the institutes are very intensive and that there will be very little time for personal pursuits unrelated to the program. While the equivalent of one day a week will be set aside for curricular research and independent study, the Institute should NOT be viewed as a research program.

Health Conditions: The U.S. Department of States does not require a physical examination in order to participate in the program. It is important, however, for U.S. host universities to know in advance about any medical conditions which might require special assistance (wheelchair access, limitations on walking, etc.) or chronic conditions, such as diabetes, for which treatment may be necessary during the program. All Institute programs include substantial travel, as well as day or weekend trips which may require long walks or time spent standing. It is therefore very important to include in the application information on any medical conditions of note.

Deadline date for application is January 26, 2008.