



## Exchange Opportunities to the U.S.

# Study of the U.S. Institutes (SUSI) Global Student Leaders

Application Deadline: December 18, 2022

### Program Description

Study of the U.S. Institutes (SUSIs) for Student Leaders are intensive five-to-six-week academic programs designed for foreign undergraduate student leaders to improve their understanding of the United States while simultaneously enhancing their leadership skills. Each institute includes approximately 20 participants from selected countries. The Institutes consist of a four-week academic residency consisting of interactive classroom activities, seminar discussions, readings, group presentations, and lectures. Site visits, leadership development, cultural activities, and community service complement the coursework and academic sessions. If conditions allow, the Institute will include a one-week integrated study tour in the United States. The five-week program will take place beginning in **late June 2023** (program dates are not subject to change).

**Note:** Should health, safety, and travel conditions continue to pose significant challenges, the program will pivot to a virtual format.

The 2023 Study of the U.S. Institute Program will include the following topics\*:

#### 1. Religious Diversity and Democracy

The SUSI on Religious Diversity and Democracy will enhance participants' knowledge of U.S. history, government, institutions, society, and culture within the context of the theme. Participants will explore the intersection of religious diversity and pluralism with American democracy; the First Amendment and separation of church and state; early religious traditions and the current religious landscape of the United States; conflict resolution and interfaith dialogue in a democracy; and the engagement of faith groups in civil society and the voluntary sector. The Institute will incorporate a focus on U.S. historical events as well as contemporary American life, including current political, social, and economic debates in a pluralistic society.

#### 2. Economic Empowerment

The SUSI on Economic Empowerment will enhance participants' knowledge of U.S. history, government, institutions, society, and culture within the context of the theme. Participants will receive an overview of the U.S. economic system and structures while exploring sub-themes such as economic prosperity and opportunity; building sustainable economies; inequities within economies; financial access and inclusion; entrepreneurship and entrepreneurial ecosystems; social entrepreneurship; social capital development; financial literacy; organizational development and management; and adapting to the future of work. The Institute will incorporate a focus on U.S. historical events as well as contemporary American life, including current political, social, and economic debates in a pluralistic society. Participants will learn about economic empowerment through

foundational discussion on entrepreneurship and social capital as well as capacity building workshops. These practical sessions will address financial literacy, business modeling, and leadership and management skills.

### 3. Women Leaders on Civic Engagement

The SUSI on Women Leaders on Civic Engagement will examine the history and participation of women in public life in the United States. The Institute will focus on two major areas: developing participants' leadership skills in areas such as critical thinking, communication, decision-making, and managerial abilities; and, placing these abilities in the context of the history and participation of women in U.S. politics, economics, culture, and society. The program will also examine active citizenship and responsibilities of citizens in a democracy, civil rights and protections, voting, social justice, gender equity, community-building, grassroots and youth activism, political leadership, media literacy, preventing disinformation, and volunteerism.

\*You can apply for only **ONE** of the SUSI Institutes so please choose carefully to make sure you select the correct program.

### Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Be between the ages of 18 and 25
- Have at least one year left of their undergraduate studies, and be committed to returning to their home universities following completion of the program;
- Be citizen, national or permanent resident qualified to hold a valid Egyptian Passport and studying in Egypt;
- Have a strong interest in the program of choice;
- Demonstrate leadership through academic work, community involvement, and extracurricular activities;
- Sustained high level of academic achievement, as indicated by grades, awards, and teacher/professor recommendations;
- Proficient in reading, writing, and speaking English and provide sufficient proof of English proficiency levels of B1 or equivalent (Acceptable proof of English proficiency: TOEFL iBT, IELTS, Duolingo placement test, AMIDEAST Placement test, AUC placement test, New Horizons placement test);
- Have little or no prior travel or study experience in the United States

### How to Apply

Application link:

<https://usembassycairo.submittable.com/submit/a8b009ac-643b-45fb-9891-3bf4bce47b42/2023-study-in-the-united-states-institutes-for-students-susi-students>

Your completed application must include all the fields in the online application portal in addition to the following required documents:

- a- A copy of passport/National ID
- b- 2 recommendation letters
- c- A copy of school transcript of the previous 2 Academic years. First year university students must provide a copy of their secondary school transcripts and an enrollment letter from their current university.
- d- A valid proof of English proficiency B1 or equivalent (**TOEFL/ IELTS/ Placement test from any of the following institutions: New Horizons, Duolingo, AMIDEAST, AUC, British Council**)
- e- A copy of Resume/CV

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For questions, please send an email to: [CairoSUSIStudents@State.gov](mailto:CairoSUSIStudents@State.gov)

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