



Exchange Opportunities to the U.S.

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

Application Deadline: **December 28, 2021**

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.

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

The 2022 Study of the U.S. Institute Program will include the following topics*:

1. [Religious Pluralism](#)

This five-week academic residency will explore U.S. history, society, and institutions within the context of religious freedom, pluralism, and interfaith dialogue. Topics may include early religious traditions in the United States, freedom of religion as a fundamental human right and source of stability, the introduction of new religions in the United States, protection and representation of minority groups and religions, the separation of church and state, and interfaith dialogue and cooperation in a diverse and rapidly changing world. Participants will have opportunities to meet with U.S. community leaders of different faiths who advocate for collaboration and tolerance among religious groups. Participants will also examine the leadership role that religious officials play in their own societies and develop ideas for how they can work with leaders, of similar or different faiths, on shared goals for their societies.

2. [Entrepreneurship and Economic Development](#)

This five-week academic residency will provide participants with an overview of entrepreneurial approaches by reviewing the development, history, challenges, and successes of U.S. entrepreneurial enterprises – including social enterprises, business leadership and women’s economic empowerment. Topics may include, but are not limited to, trade, investment, financial literacy, banking, microfinance, organizational development and management, innovation, emerging markets and risk analysis, strategic business planning, corporate social

responsibility, and minorities in entrepreneurship. To the extent possible, academic sessions will be complemented with hands-on sessions or workshops designed to build skills in the topics mentioned above.

[3. Young Women Leaders on Civic Engagement](#) (Female applicant's only)

The SUSI for Young Women Leaders on Civic Engagement will examine topics including, but not limited to, 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
- Enrolled as **full-time** undergraduate at a public or private university in Egypt and has good academic standing
- Have at least one semester left of their undergraduate studies after 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
- 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, TOEFL ITP, TOEIC, IELTS or Placement test from any of the following institutions: New Horizons, Duolingo, AMIDEAST, AUC, British Council, Berlitz**)
- Have little or no prior travel or study experience in the United States

How to Apply

Application link:

<https://usembassycairo.submittable.com/submit/189795f5-5f34-470b-b14d-9a6208c522bc/study-in-the-united-states-institutes-for-students-susi-students-2022>

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

All applicants are required to submit:

- a- A copy of passport/National ID
- b- Recommendation letter
- 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 iBT, TOEFL ITP, TOEIC, IELTS or Placement test from any of the following institutions: New Horizons, Duolingo, AMIDEAST, AUC, British Council, Berlitz**)
- e- A copy of Resume/CV

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For questions, please send an email to: CairoSUSISStudents@state.gov

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