

Dear Academic,

***Study of the U.S. Institutes (SUSIs) for Scholars*** is looking for experienced university faculty, scholars, and academic professionals to deepen their understanding of U.S. culture, society, values, and institutions. The Institutes the participants will partake in are Contemporary American Literature, Journalism and Media, Religious Pluralism in the U.S., U.S. Culture and Policy, U.S. Foreign Policy, and U.S. Political Thought. The programs are comprised of a four to five week academic residency and then a one to two week study tour to a different region of the United States. Each program is a total of 6 weeks. The academic programs will take place summer of 2016, beginning in or after June. SUSIs will take place at different colleges, universities, and institutions around the United States. All costs of the individual's participation will be covered including transportation, lodging, and meals. To be eligible candidates must demonstrate English language proficiency, have limited prior experience in the U.S., not be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, eligible to receive United States J-1 visa, and have plans to enhance, update, or develop courses and/or educational materials with a U.S. studies focus. The program is very intensive and all participants are expected to fully participate. The deadline is January 8, 2016.

## **TARGET AUDIENCE**

Candidates should be mid-career, typically between the ages of 30-40, highly-motivated, experienced scholars and professionals generally from institutions of higher education or research focused organizations (not-for-profits, think tanks, etc.) with *excellent English skills*. While the educational level of participants will likely vary, most should have graduate degrees and have substantial knowledge of the thematic area of the Institute or a related field. While we prefer candidates who have not studied or lived in the United States before, they also have be Turkish nationals.

## **INSTITUTE THEMES:**

- The Institute on **Contemporary American Literature** will provide a multinational group of foreign 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. 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. To apply for the program, please fill out the attached form send your cv to **susiliterature2016@gmail.com** and *on the subject line please put your last name and the city you reside and the name of your university.*

- The Institute on **Journalism and Media** will provide a multinational group of 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. To apply for the program, please fill out the attached form send your cv to **susireligiouspluralism2016@gmail.com** and *on the subject line please put your last name and the city you reside and the name of your university.*

- The Institute on **Religious Pluralism** in the United States will provide a multinational group of 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. To apply for the program, please fill out the attached form send your cv to [susijournalismmedia2016@gmail.com](mailto:susijournalismmedia2016@gmail.com) and on the *subject line please put your last name and the city you reside and the name of your university.*

- The Institute on **U.S. Culture and Society** will provide a multinational group of 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. To apply for the program, please fill out the attached form send your cv to [susiculturesociety2016@gmail.com](mailto:susiculturesociety2016@gmail.com) and on the *subject line please put your last name and the city you reside and the name of your university.*

- The Institute on **U.S. Foreign Policy** will provide a multinational group of 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. To apply for the program, please fill out the attached form send your cv to [susiforeignpolicy2016@gmail.com](mailto:susiforeignpolicy2016@gmail.com) and on the *subject line please put your last name and the city you reside and the name of your university.*

- The Institute on **U.S. Political Thought** will provide a multinational group of 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. To apply for the program, please fill out the attached form send your cv to [susipoliticalthought2016@gmail.com](mailto:susipoliticalthought2016@gmail.com) and on the *subject line please put your last name and the city you reside and the name of your university.*

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