

## U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY POLICYMAKING

Hosted Institution  
University of Delaware

Early January – End February, 2010

Deadline for Applications: October 16, 2009



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### 1. Institute Objectives

This Study of the U.S. Institute is an intensive, rigorous six-week academic seminar whose purpose is to provide university faculty and other professionals from countries worldwide with a deeper understanding of American society, culture and institutions, past and present. The program's ultimate goal is to strengthen curricula and to improve the quality of teaching about the United States in academic institutions.

### 2. Program Description

The institute is a rigorous post-graduate-level academic seminar with integrated study tours which will provide a group of 18 scholars and professionals an opportunity to deepen their understanding of the foundations of U.S. national security policy and current threats facing the United States. The institute focuses on the formulation of U.S. foreign and national security policy and the role of the federal government, think-tanks, media, and public opinion in shaping that policy.

The program will examine specific security issues such as energy policy, economic stability, cyber-security, chemical and biological weapons, nuclear weapons, and infectious diseases. The program will also focus on regional security concerns in Africa, Europe, South Asia, the Western Hemisphere, East Asia, and the Middle East. Finally, the program will cover the fight against terrorism, the impact of globalization, and U.S. global leadership. The program will be supplemented by a simulation exercise, a group project, and a study tour. The program's ultimate goal is to promote the development and improvement of courses and teaching about the United States at universities and other educational, training, and research institutions abroad. Prospective applicants are encouraged to visit the following website to obtain general information about the previous year's Institute:

<http://exchanges.state.gov/academicexchanges/scholars.html>

The Institute is tentatively scheduled for early-January to end-February 2010.



### 3. Housing and meal arrangements

Typically, participants will have a private room with a shared bathroom during the residency portion (four weeks) of the institute, and will have to share a hotel room during the study tour (up to two weeks.) Housing will usually be in college or university owned housing. Most meals will be provided at campus facilities, though participants may have access to a kitchen to cook some meals on their own. Full details will be provided when available. It is important that applicants understand these arrangements, particularly sharing a hotel room with another participant for up to two weeks.

### 4. Health Insurance

All participants will receive the Department of State's insurance coverage of USD50,000 with a USD25 deductible for the duration of the program. Pre-existing conditions are not covered.

### 5. Funding

The Study of the U.S. Institute will cover all participant costs, including: program administration; international travel; domestic travel and ground transportation; book, cultural, mailing and incidental allowances; housing and subsistence.

### 6. Program requirements and restrictions

Participants are expected to participate fully in the program. They are expected to attend all lectures and organized activities, and complete assigned readings. Family members and/or friends cannot accompany participants on any part of the program [no exceptions]. Please note that teaching methodology and pedagogical methods will not be addressed formally in the institute program. Candidates should be aware that the institute is very intensive and that there will be little time for personal pursuits unrelated to the program. The institute should not be viewed as a research program. It is important that applicants understand and accept these requirements and restrictions.

### 7. Candidate qualifications

(A) Candidates should be mid-career, typically between the ages of 30-50, highly-motivated and experienced national security, university-level faculty or other professionals from institutions of higher education, or national security policymaking institutions, including national military academies, government ministries, and think-tanks.

(B) The ideal candidate will be a specialist in international relations or a related field. While the educational level of participants will likely vary, most should have graduate degrees and have substantial knowledge of foreign affairs. The ideal candidate also will be an 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



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seminars/workshops for professionals in U.S. studies areas related to the program theme. While the nominee's scholarly and professional credentials are an important consideration, an equally important factor is how participation in the institute will enhance course offerings in U.S. studies at the nominee's home institution.

(C) Candidates should be willing and able to participate fully in an intensive post-graduate level academic program and study tour.

### **8. To apply for the institute**

Applicants should submit an application for this program by fax or e-mail. The application deadline is October 16, 2009.

To submit an application or to request more program details, all interested scholars are welcome to contact Exchanges Specialist Anni Bel Pereira, Public Affairs, American Embassy, 376 Jalan Tun Razak, 50400 Kuala Lumpur. Tel: (03) 2168-5102; fax: (03) 2168-5158 e-mail: pereiraab2@state.gov

