



Embassy of the United States of America, Helsinki, Finland

## 2013 Study of the United States Institutes for Secondary School Educators

### Now Accepting Applications!

The United States Embassy in Helsinki, Finland, is pleased to invite applications for the Study of the United States Institutes for Secondary School Educators to take place over the course of six weeks beginning in or after June 2013. Two Institutes for Secondary Educators will be offered for multinational groups of 30 educators. Each Institute includes a four week academic residency component and a two-week integrated study tour.

*The Study of the U.S. Institute for Secondary Educators (Teachers)* will provide secondary school teachers with a deeper understanding of U.S. society, education, and culture, past and present. The focus of the Institute will be on providing materials for participants to develop high school level curricula about the United States. The programs will be organized around a central theme or themes in U.S. studies and will have a strong contemporary component. Through a combination of traditional, multi-disciplinary, and interdisciplinary approaches, the programs will elucidate the history and evolution of U.S. educational institutions and values. The programs also serve to illuminate contemporary political, social, and economic debates in American society.

*The Study of the U.S. Institute for Secondary Educators (Administrators)* will provide administrators (including teacher trainers, curriculum developers, textbook writers, ministry of education officials, and others) with a deeper understanding of U.S. society, education, and culture, past and present. The program's theme, "Exploring Access and Equity in U.S. Education and Society" will focus on education, immigration, and civic engagement within U.S. society and culture. The Institute will include an intellectually rigorous academic residency component, meetings with regional educators and prominent community leaders, guided independent research, visits to topically relevant sites, a two-week study tour, and the completion of a research project.

### Who Should Apply?

Candidates should be mid-career, typically between the ages of 30-50, highly-motivated and experienced secondary school educators with little or no prior experience in the United States. The ideal candidate will be a secondary school teacher, teacher trainer, curriculum developer, textbook writer, ministry of education official, or other related professional with responsibility for secondary education who is seeking to introduce to or enhance aspects of U.S. studies in his/her curricula or to offer specialized seminars/workshops for education professionals in U.S. studies or related fields. Candidates should be willing and able to take part fully in an intensive post-graduate level academic program and study tour.

It is imperative that all candidates demonstrate English language fluency. The programs are rigorous and demanding; participants will be expected to handle substantial reading assignments in English and to be full and active participants in all seminar and panel discussions.

## Essential Program Information

Program Funding: The program will cover all participant costs, including program administration, international travel, domestic travel and ground transportation, books, cultural activities, mailing and incidental allowances, housing, and subsistence.

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 share hotel rooms 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.

Health Benefits: All participants will receive the Department of State's health insurance coverage of \$100,000 with a \$15 co-pay per medical visit for the duration of the program. Pre-existing conditions are not covered.

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. Please note that the Institute should not be viewed as a research program.

## How to Apply

2013 Study of the U.S. Institutes Application Form can be downloaded at:  
[http://finland.usembassy.gov/amstudy\\_secondary.html](http://finland.usembassy.gov/amstudy_secondary.html)

Applications should be submitted no later than January 3, 2013 to the Embassy of the United States, Education and Exchange Programs Coordinator, Mirka McIntire, e-mail:  
[USHelsinkiExchanges@state.gov](mailto:USHelsinkiExchanges@state.gov)

Priority will be given to candidates who have firm plans to enhance, update or develop courses and/or educational materials with a U.S. studies focus or component, who have no prior or limited experience in the United States, and who have special interest in the program subject areas as demonstrated through past accomplishments and professional duties.

Applicants must be citizens of Finland.

## Web Resource

Prospective applicants are encouraged to visit The Branch of the Study of the United States website to obtain general information about the Institutes at:  
<http://exchanges.state.gov/non-us/program/study-us-institutes-scholars/details>