

## **Applications Being Accepted for the Study of the United States Institute on U.S. National Security Policymaking**

The United States Embassy in Sofia is pleased to begin accepting applications for a Winter 2011 Study of the United States Institute on U.S. National Security Policymaking. The six-week institute will be hosted by the University of Delaware beginning in early January and ending in late February 2011.

The Study of the United States Institute on U.S. National Security Policymaking is a rigorous post-graduate-level academic seminar with integrated study tours that will provide a group of 18 scholars and professionals from around the world an opportunity to deepen their understanding of the foundations of U.S. national security policy and current threats facing the U.S. 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 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 U.S. at universities and other educational, training, and research institutions abroad.

All participant costs will be covered, including: program administration, international travel, domestic travel and ground transportation, book, cultural, mailing and incidental allowances, housing, and subsistence.

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.

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 Ideal Candidate

- Age 30-50
- University-level faculty or professionals from institutions of higher education, national security policymaking institutions, including national military academies, government ministries, and think-tanks.
- The ideal candidate will be a specialist in international relations or a related field.
- Most should have graduate degrees and have substantial knowledge of foreign affairs.
- 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

seminars/workshops for professionals in U.S. studies areas related to the program theme.

- Fluent in the English language

Each candidate must provide a one-page personal statement indicating why he or she is interested in participating in the program and what he or she expects to get out of the experience. The personal statement is a crucial factor in the selection criteria, and its importance should not be underestimated. Specific items to be addressed in this statement are listed below in paragraph T.

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 limited experience in the United States, and who have special interest in the program subject areas as demonstrated through past scholarship, accomplishments, and professional duties.

Application Format:

A. Title of Institute: Study of the United States Institute on U.S. National Security Policymaking

B. Applicant's Full Name: Applicant's names should match his/her passport and should be presented in the following order: Prefix (Dr., Mr., Mrs., Ms., Miss), Last Name(s), First Name, Middle Name.

C. Gender

D. Date of Birth (please spell out Month, Day, Year)

E. Birth City

F. Birth Country

G. Country (ies) of Citizenship: Primary and, if applicable, secondary country

H. Country of Residence

I. Medical, Physical, Dietary or other Personal Considerations: Please describe any pre-existing medical conditions, including any prescription medication the candidate maybe taking, or any other dietary or personal considerations. This will not affect candidate selection, but will enable the host institution to make any necessary accommodations.

J. Candidate Contact Information: Home Address, City, Home State/Province, Home Country, E-mail, and Telephone.

K. Current Position/Title, Institutional Name, and Country

For "Position Type," please select one from among the following: 1) Senior Executive, President, Government Minister, etc.; 2) Junior Executive, Vice President, Dean, Government Advisor, etc.; 3) Professor, Editor, Officer, Director, etc.; 4) Associate Professor, Senior Researcher, Senior Staff, etc.; 5) Assistant Professor, Assistant Editor,

Coordinator, Staff; 6) Lecturer, Teacher, Consultant; 7) Teaching Assistant, Instructor; or, 8) Other.

L. Work Experience, including previous positions and titles

M. Education, and Academic and Professional Training, including degree earned and fields of specialization. Degrees listed should reflect the closest U.S. equivalent.

N. Active Professional Memberships. Please select from among the following position types to describe the level of the candidate's involvement with the organizations listed; 1) President, Board Chairperson, Director; 2) Board Member; 3) Editorial Staff, Officer; 4) Contributing Member; 5) Member.

O. Publications: Publications should include the publication year, type of publication, title, and publisher. All foreign titles should be translated into English. (Please list no more than 10.)

To identify the publication type, please choose from among the following options: 1) Book; 2) Edited volume (as primary or co-editor); 3) Book chapter; 4) Journal article; 5) Newspaper/ online article; or, 6) Conference/ University/ Government working paper.

P. Previous Experience in the United States: Please list all trips the candidate has made to the United States and include approximate dates and the reason for travel.

Q. Family Residing in the United States: Please list any immediate family members who currently are residing in the United States, including city and state.

R. Evidence of English Fluency (*please leave blank unless you can provide copies of test scores or other evidence*)

S. Professional Responsibilities: Current Courses Taught- Should include the course title, level of student (Ph.D., M.A., Undergraduate, High School), number of hours per semester, number of students, and the estimated percent of U.S. studies content.

Current Student Advising- Should include the number of students advised who are studying U.S. related topics, level of students (Ph.D., M.A., Undergraduate, High School), and the number of advising hours.

Other Potential Outcomes- Please select all of the likely potential outcomes that might result from the candidate's participation in this institute: 1) Update Existing Course; 2) Create New Course; 3) Create New Degree Program; 4) University Curriculum Redesign; 5) National Curriculum Redesign; 6) New Research Project; 7) New Publication; 8) Professional Promotion; 9) Government or Ministry Policy; 10) New Professional Organization; 11) New Institutional Linkages; 12) Raise Institutional Profile.

T. Personal Essays to be written by nominees, limit 4,500 characters each. 1) Please discuss your professional responsibilities in greater detail, including how attending this Institute would help you achieve the "Other Potential Outcomes" you have checked above; AND 2) Please discuss how your participation would enhance this Institute, based either upon your personal and professional experience or upon the current state of U.S. studies in your home country.

U. *Please leave blank*

Deadline for receiving applications: August 27, 2010. Interviews with short-listed applicants will be held the week of September 20, 2010. Please send applications in English to [USAexchanges@gmail.com](mailto:USAexchanges@gmail.com). Only short listed applicants will be contacted.