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**Here's what alumni of the SUSI Program had to say about their experience!**



“This experience changed me forever. I couldn't have expected better from this program and from the people that I met. I had the time of my life during these five weeks and this opportunity turned me into somebody that is more open-minded, grateful and dreamer than ever.” *Chiara, Study of the U.S. Institute for Student Leaders from Europe on Civic Engagement (Summer 2017)*

“The Summer Institute for Social Entrepreneurship was one of the best experiences of my life. It didn't only provide me with an understanding of social entrepreneurship in general and more specifically in the U.S. – it also helped me step out of my comfort zone.” *Bouchra, Study of the U.S. Institute for Student Leaders from Europe on Social Entrepreneurship (Summer 2016)*

“All the people I met gave me something invaluable during this summer institute: hope. The hope and courage that I can mean something in someone else's life. That I can help others. If I can be only half as genuine and pure as the amazing people I've met during this summer institute, that truly would be a blessing.” *Moustapha, Study of the U.S. Institute for Student Leaders on Environmental Issues (Summer 2015)*



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## Study of the U.S. Institute for Student Leaders on Environmental Issues



Study of the U.S. Institutes (SUSIs) for Student Leaders are five- to six-week academic programs for foreign undergraduate students between the ages of 18 and 25 designed to improve their understanding of the United States and to develop their leadership skills. Institutes include a four-week academic residency consisting of interactive classroom activities, discussions, lectures, readings, site visits, and workshops; one week of educational travel to a different region of the United States; leadership skills building activities; community service; and opportunities to interact with their American peers on a college campus. Each institute includes approximately 20 participants from selected countries.

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:** The Institute on Environmental Issues will explore current themes in environmental studies, which may include natural resource management, sustainable development/sustainable agricultural practices, food security, ecotourism, energy generation (new and traditional forms), and water management and treatment. The program will be interactive and experiential, with field trips to research facilities and opportunities for classroom discussion. The issues will be explored from numerous angles: local grassroots activism and civic initiatives, market-oriented approaches, and federal government policies and regulation. The Institute might also examine the relationship between environmental security and national security. In addition, the Institute will explore environmental issues in the context of a globalized society, and will draw comparisons between the United States and the participants' home countries.

**LOCATION:** The Institute on Environmental Issues will be hosted by the University of Oregon. The academic residency will be complemented by an educational tour that will take participants to another area of the U.S. where they will meet with local, state, private, and not-for-profit organizations working in the field. The Institute will then conclude with a visit to Washington, D.C.

**BENEFITS:** Participants in the Institute on Environmental Issues will receive the following benefits:

- Full funding of all program costs
- Full funding of international travel to/from program
- Housing in on-campus dorms with meals at campus facilities for program duration
- Sickness and accident insurance through U.S. Department of State

**ELIGIBILITY:** The Study of the U.S. Institute for Student Leaders is a program for current students between 18 and 25 years of age with little to no prior study or travel experience in the United States. Successful candidates will have at least one semester left of their undergraduate studies, and therefore be committed to return to their home universities following completion of the program. They should demonstrate proficiency in English, an interest in the institute topic and in learning about the United States, and high levels of leadership, community engagement, and academic achievement. They should be mature, responsible, independent, confident, open-minded, tolerant, thoughtful, and inquisitive, and should be willing and able to fully participate in an intensive academic program, community service, and educational travel.

**HOW TO APPLY:** Applications for the Institute on Environmental Issues will be posted online in late November 2017 on [www.fulbright.be](http://www.fulbright.be). The application must be completed (typed), scanned, and returned by email to [adviser@fulbright.be](mailto:adviser@fulbright.be) by January 1, 2018. The complete application includes biographical information, essays, and two reference forms to be completed by professors or professional supervisors and returned as a total package. A mandatory in-person interview will take place on January 12, 2018, in Brussels and candidates will be notified the following week.