



## OPPORTUNITY FOR SUMMER STUDY IN THE UNITED STATES

### 2016 STUDY of the U.S. INSTITUTES FOR STUDENT LEADERS

The Study of the U.S. Institutes (SUSI) for Student Leaders is offered for undergraduate students between the ages of 18 and 25. This year, these Institutes will focus on two areas: *Environmental Stewardship* and *Civic Engagement*. In addition, the Institutes will include an introduction to the local U.S. host community and American culture and society. Selected students will spend approximately five weeks in the United States, hosted by an American college or university. The Institutes will be held in June and July 2016. (Exact dates and locations will be announced in April 2016.)

Candidates should be highly motivated first through third year undergraduate students who demonstrate leadership through academic work, community involvement and extracurricular activities. Participants do not need to have a science or policy background. Individuals from a broad range of ethnic, religious, geographic and socio-economic backgrounds, including those with disabilities, are encouraged to apply.

The **Institute on Civic Engagement** will provide participants with an overview of how citizens have shaped US history, government and society. The academic program will define civic engagement and explore topics such as citizenship, political leadership, economic development, grassroots activism and volunteerism. Students will also have the opportunity to leave the classroom to meet with community leaders, entrepreneurs and representatives of non-profit organizations. The academic residency will be completed by an educational tour to another part of the United States to meet with local, state and private representatives in the field. The Institute will conclude with a visit to Washington, D.C.

The **Institute on Environmental Issues** will explore current themes in environmental studies, which may include natural resource management, sustainable development, food security, ecotourism, energy and water management. The program will be interactive and experiential, with field trips to research facilities and opportunities for classroom discussion. The Institute will also draw comparisons between the United States and participants' home countries. The academic residency will be completed by an educational tour to another part of the United States to meet with local, state and private representatives in the field. The Institute will conclude with a visit to Washington, D.C.

All participants will be required to obtain a J-1 visa prior to traveling to the United States. The U.S. Department of States will issue the relevant paperwork and the Fulbright Commission will arrange the visa interview.

**Please note: participants must return to Sweden at the conclusion of the program. It is not possible to travel to the U.S. earlier or remain in the U.S. at the end of the program for personal travel.**

In making these awards, the U.S. - Sweden Fulbright Commission is looking not only for academic excellence, but a focused application, a range of extracurricular and community activities, an indication of ambassadorial skills, a desire to further the Fulbright program and a plan to give back to your home country upon returning.

#### **Application Information**

Interested applicants should first review the information posted on the Swedish Fulbright Commission website. Applications may be requested by sending an email to: [Fulbright@fulbright.se](mailto:Fulbright@fulbright.se). A complete application will require grades and/or transcripts, two letters of reference and a CV.

Applications are due at the Commission by January 15, 2016. Nominations will be forwarded to the U.S. State Department and final decisions are expected by the end of April 2016. All applicants will be notified of their status.

For more detailed information about the program and FAQs, please see the Commission website at: [www.fulbright.se](http://www.fulbright.se) (under Grants/Programs for Swedish Citizens/Undergraduate).