



Dear Faculty Members

Greetings

There is an invitation from the U S Consulate Chennai for the faculty members to be nominated to participate in the summer 2023 **"Study of the U. S. institutes (SUSI) for Scholars."** The six-week programme will take place at any American university campus, USA. Please look at the support documents attached along with this. The exact dates of the program will be communicated later.

The faculty members who apply, should

- be highly proficient in English;
- demonstrate expertise and exposure in any of the six themes enumerated in the attached document for further studies and research
- be between 30 to 50 years of age;
- be committed to returning to their home universities following completion of the program;
- demonstrate strong leadership qualities and potential at Loyola and community activities;
- indicate a serious interest in learning about the United States; its culture, identity, economics, policies, and literature;
- have a sustained high level of academic achievements, as indicated by grades, awards, publications, discussions, etc.;
- be willing and able to fully participate in an intensive academic program, rigorous research and educational travel in USA.

Please collect the application form (hard copy) from the LIAC office. The filled – in application form should be submitted on or before 05 December 2022 at the LIAC office. Only the shortlisted candidates will be called for a personal interview on **12 Dec 2022** before a team of experts. And the management will finally approve **ONLY ONE** nomination for each of the six themes to the US consulate General Chennai. Any queries/clarifications in this regard, please contact **Fr. M. S. Jacob SJ** (mjacobsj@loyolacollege.edu) the Dean of the School of human Excellence or **Dr A. John Peter**, (directorliac@loyolacollege.edu) the Director of LIAC.


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Respected Rev. Dr. Thomas, SJ.:

Greetings!

Every year, the U.S. Consulate General Chennai nominates individuals from different walks of life to participate in the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs' (ECA) fully funded cultural, educational, professional, and youth exchange programs.

We are pleased to bring to your attention about a professional exchange opportunity for university and college faculty titled **Study of the United States Institutes (SUSIs) for Scholars**.

About SUSIs for Scholars: SUSIs for Scholars are post-graduate level academic programs for mid-career foreign scholars, faculty, practitioners whose purpose is to strengthen curricula and to improve the teaching about the United States in academic institutions abroad. These six-week long Institutes are comprised of a four to five-week academic residency in a U.S. university, followed by one-two weeks educational study tour to a different region of the United States. During the Institutes, scholars engage in rigorous academic coursework and panel discussions, interact, and establish networks with American scholars, meet with experts in respective disciplines, visit civic institutions, and in some cases, participate in research symposia and conferences.

SUSI Themes: SUSIs are offered under the following themes:

1. American Politics and Political Thought
2. Contemporary American Literature
3. Journalism and Media
4. U.S. Culture, Identity, and Society
5. U.S. Economics and Sustainable Development
6. U.S. Foreign Policy

Program Format/Dates: The SUSI programs will be hosted and conducted by leading American universities for a period of six weeks in or after June 2023 (exact dates to be confirmed later) in their campus. Should health, safety, and travel conditions continue to pose significant challenges, the in-person programs will pivot to a modified virtual format.

For detailed information on SUSI themes, preferred candidate profile, and information on logistics and other aspects are available on [Exchange Programs](#) and [Study of the U.S. Institutes](#).

Action Requested: We invite you to identify faculty from your institution for any/all the above-mentioned SUSI exchange programs that will take place in the United States in summer of 2023.

Note: Please identify only ONE faculty per theme.

Candidate Qualification: SUSIs are extremely competitive programs. The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs in Washington D.C. receives hundreds of nominations from all over the world, of which only 18 applicants are selected. Thus, it is very important to nominate a faculty who meets all the qualifications and other requirements and is a subject specialist to participate in this program. We request you to kindly go through the requirements and qualifications provided in the links above.

Selection and Screening: The Public Diplomacy Section of the U.S. Consulate General Chennai is responsible for recruiting and nominating candidates for the programs. **Only shortlisted candidates will be interviewed by Consulate officials in late December/early January.** The final selection of candidates is made by the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi and the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at the State Department in Washington, D.C.

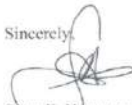
Submission of Application Form:

1. Please click on the link to complete and submit your nominations:
<https://heq9004cwpd.typeform.com/SUSIChennai>
2. The nomination form has both qualitative and quantitative aspects. To ensure your candidate rates accurately on the quantitative aspects of the selection process, please be sure to fill out all the fields in the nomination form as accurately as possible.
3. Each candidate HAS to submit a short personal essay to help the selection committee to have a better sense of candidates' motivations and goals. A strong candidate statement/personal essay should convey why the participant is interested in participating in the Institute, what s/he expects to gain from the experience, what s/he will bring to the program, and how s/he will leverage the experience to achieve "other potential outcomes" selected in the nomination form. In addition, candidate statements should describe the candidate's capacity and plans to amplify the impact of the Institute beyond their own knowledge and research

Application Deadline: Applications to be submitted by Monday, December 19, 2022. Applicants must attach a copy of their passport (first and last pages).

Please write to us at chennaiexchanges@state.gov for any queries. We look forward to receiving nominations from you!

Sincerely,



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Application Form
Study of the U. S. institutes (SUSI) for Scholars

1. Name of the Applicant:
2. Age:
3. Gender:
4. Department:
5. Years of Teaching Experience at Loyola College:
6. Academic Qualifications:
7. Related Works of the Themes you are applying for:
 - Conferences and Workshops organized
 - Papers Presented
 - Papers Published
 - Events/Activities/Programs Undertaken
8. Core competencies related to the theme:
9. A brief write-up on why we have to consider your nomination (1000 words)
10. Future follow up activities you intend to take up after SUSI:
11. What do you expect from the SUSI intensive program?
12. Any other -----

Note: Please use the space as much as you require. Please contact Fr. M. S. Jacob SJ for any clarifications.