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Topic: Journalism & Media

Application deadline: December 6, 2022



2023 Study of the U.S. Institutes (SUSI) for Student Leaders from Europe

Institute topic:

Journalism and Media

Who can apply:

Romanian BA/BS students in any field, from both public and private Romanian universities; **students in their final year of undergraduate study are NOT eligible.**

Program duration: 5 weeks in the June to August 2023 timeframe (exact dates will be communicated by the U.S. administrators at the time of selection)

The program is sponsored by the Study of the U.S. Branch, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), U.S. Department of State.



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About the SUSI Program

Program description

SUSIs for Student Leaders are intensive short-term academic programs whose purpose is to provide groups of undergraduate student leaders with a deeper understanding of the United States while simultaneously enhancing their leadership skills. Each Institute has 20 participants from various countries. The Institutes consist of a four-week academic residency with a balanced series of seminar discussions, readings, group presentations, and lectures. Site visits, leadership development, cultural activities, and community service complement the coursework and academic sessions. If conditions allow, the Institute will include a one-week integrated regional study tour in the United States. Note that if the program must take place virtually, participants will engage in similar activities but online from their home countries.

Institute description

The Institute on Journalism and Media, hosted by **Arizona State University**, will provide participants with a deeper understanding of the challenges and opportunities for modern journalism. The Institute will examine freedom of expression in democracy, leveraging multimedia tools, and exploring the role of journalists in promoting media literacy and preventing disinformation. Academic sessions will examine First Amendment rights, fundamentals of multimedia journalism, compelling storytelling, editorial independence, journalistic ethics, legal constraints, civic journalism, media literacy, and digital and social media. The Institute will encourage participants to analyze future trends in media as well as gain practical experience in the tradecraft of journalism, including building trust, interviewing, researching, writing, reporting, and editing. Academic sessions will be complemented with hands-on sessions or workshops designed to build skills in the topics mentioned above. In addition to classroom activities, participants will meet with local news outlets.

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Eligibility criteria



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- have Romanian citizenship;
- be an undergraduate student enrolled in a Romanian university (MA and PhD students are not eligible);
- have at least one semester left of their undergraduate studies following completion of the SUSI program, and therefore be committed to return to their home university (undergraduate students currently in their final year of study are NOT eligible);
- be between 18 and 25 years of age;
- be proficient in English;
- be interested in the Institute topic;
- demonstrate strong leadership qualities and potential in their university and community activities;
- indicate a serious interest in learning about the United States;
- have a sustained high level of academic achievement, as indicated by grades, awards, and recommendations;
- demonstrate commitment to community and extracurricular university activities;
- have little or no prior study or travel experience in the United States or elsewhere outside of Europe;

Benefits of the SUSI Program

The Institutes are an all-expense paid program, including:

- program administration;
 - international travel and visa support;
 - travel allowance;
 - domestic travel and ground transportation;
 - book, cultural, mailing and incidental allowances;
 - and housing and subsistence.
- Participants will be enrolled in ASPE, the U.S. Department of State's Accident and Sickness Program for Exchanges.



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The Application Components

- An application form to be downloaded from [here](#);
- One letter of recommendation to be completed and signed by a professor/academic advisor, a supervisor at work, or a community leader who knows the applicant well and is familiar with the applicant's academic and/or professional work. The recommendation form is available [here](#);
- Certificate of enrollment (a document issued by the university to attest you are currently enrolled as a student in the 2022-2023 academic year – *adeverință de student sau carnet de student vizat pe anul academic 2022-2023*);
- Academic transcripts (*foaia matricolă sau adeverința cu situația școlară eliberată de facultate*); first-year students should send their high-school transcripts and diploma.

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Timeline

- Application deadline: **December 6, 2022**
- Notification of finalists: The Study of the U.S. Branch, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), U.S. Department of State will notify the Fulbright Commission regarding the selection or non-selection of candidates in **March 2023**. All the applicants will be notified by the representatives of the Fulbright Commission via e-mail.
- Program begins: June 2023 (exact date TBA)



► **Complete Program & Application Details:**

<https://fulbright.ro/competition/2023-study-of-the-us-institutes-for-student-leaders/>

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