

**STUDY OF THE U.S. INSTITUTES FOR STUDENT LEADERS
SUMMER 2024**

WHAT IS IT?

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 the Institute for Swedish applicants will focus on **Environmental Issues**. Selected students will spend five weeks in the United States, hosted by an American college or university. The Institute will tentatively be held from **June 25 to July 31, 2024**. The exact dates of the program will be communicated at the time of selection.

IS IT FOR ME?

Candidates should be highly motivated **first- through third-year undergraduate students** who demonstrate leadership through academic work, community involvement and extracurricular activities. Individuals from a broad range of ethnic, religious, geographic and socio-economic backgrounds, including those with disabilities, are encouraged to apply.

THE PROGRAM:

The **Study of the U.S. Institute (SUSI) on Environmental Issues** hosted by **Shippensburg University in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania**, will provide participants with an overview of climate change along with its impact on local communities, natural resources, and the local economy. Academic sessions and experiential learning opportunities will explore clean energy, sustainable development, the risks of natural disasters, and the intersection of climate justice and community activism. To enhance the academic experience, the Institute will focus on specific themes and sub-topics such as strategic communication, social justice, emergency response, water rights, agriculture and food systems, biodiversity, and energy efficiency and sustainability. Academic activities will be supplemented by opportunities to engage with the local community, including a weekend homestay and meeting with local environmental non-profits. Program components may include hiking a section of the Appalachian trail, a visit to the Chincoteague Bay Field Station, and a kayak tour with the Susquehanna Riverkeepers, an environmental organization. Each Institute will consist of approximately 20 students.



If conditions allow, SUSI participants may be invited to start their program with an Opening Forum in Washington, D.C.

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

Please note: 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.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Interested applicants should first review the information posted on the Swedish Fulbright Commission website at <https://www.fulbright.se/undergraduate-summer-study-program/> and then request an application by email from the Commission.



Applications are due at the Commission by **January 10, 2024**. A complete application will require an application form, grades and/or transcripts and two letters of reference.

Nominations will be forwarded to the U.S. State Department and final decisions are expected by the **end of April 2024**. All applicants will be notified of their status.

For more information and questions about the program, please email: fulbright@fulbright.se.