The U.S. Embassy Algiers is pleased to announce the

**Study of the U.S. Institutes for Student Leaders on Entrepreneurship and Economic Development**

**Summer 2020 Application**

**What is the “Study of the U.S. Institutes?” – SUSI**

Study of the U.S. Institutes (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. The five-week Institutes will consist of a balanced series of seminar discussions, readings, group presentations, and lectures. The coursework and classroom activities will be complemented by educational travel, site visits, leadership activities, and volunteer opportunities within the local community. Each Institute will have 20 participants and will include a four-week academic residency component and a one-week integrated study tour to another region of the United States. During the academic residency, participants will also have the opportunity to engage in educational and cultural activities outside of the classroom.

The Study of the U.S. Institutes on Entrepreneurship and Economic Development will provide participants with an overview of entrepreneurial approaches by reviewing the development, history, challenges, and successes of U.S. entrepreneurial enterprises, including social enterprises, business leadership and women’s economic empowerment, in the United States and globally. Topics may include, but are not limited to, trade, investment, financial literacy, banking, microfinance, organizational development and management, innovation, emerging markets and risk analysis, strategic business planning, corporate social responsibility, and minorities in entrepreneurship. To the extent possible, academic sessions will be complemented with hands-on sessions or workshops designed to build skills in the topics mentioned above.

- The program will take place over the course of **five weeks** in June and July 2020. The final dates of the program will be known in April 2020. The students will be living in dormitories during the program for approximately four weeks and will travel domestically for approximately one week that will conclude with a 2-3 day program in Washington, DC.
- The program is fully funded, including international airfare, travel within the United States, accommodation, food, and program fees.
Can I apply for the Study of the U.S. Institutes?

Yes you can if…

✔ You are an Algerian citizen, living in Algeria, and attending school in Algeria.
✔ You are currently in your 1st year or 2nd year (LMD), 1st, 2nd or 3rd year (Classical System), 1st thru 4th year (i.e. Engineering studies or any similar curricula), 1st through 5th year (i.e. Medicine or any similar curricula) and you are committed to returning home to complete your degree.
✔ You will be 18 to 25 years old as of June 2nd, 2020.
✔ You are proficient in English.
✔ You have a sustained high level of academic achievement, as indicated by grades, awards, and teacher recommendations.
✔ You are mature, responsible, independent, open-minded, tolerant, thoughtful and inquisitive.
✔ You have a strong interest in learning about the United States.
✔ You are comfortable with campus life, prepared to share living accommodations, and able to adjust cultural and social practices different from those of your country.

How do I apply?

1- Download the application from https://dz.usembassy.gov/education-culture/exchanges/ under « Undergraduate Programs ».

   o To be considered, an application package should include:
     ▪ Completed application form.
     ▪ Scanned copy of your last available academic transcript and a 2018-2019 school certificate.
     ▪ Your personal statement in a separate Word document with your full name on the top of the page.

2- Send your application package electronically to PASAlgiersYouth@state.gov

Note: Your application package should be sent as an attachment in an email. Do not use drives, clouds or images in the body of an email to send your package.
3- Write in the subject line of your application’s email: **PUT YOUR NAME HERE – SUSI 2020**

4- The deadline to turn in the application is at 1700, **21 December 2019**.

**Important: Please be informed that only successful candidates will be contacted for an interview. Interviews are scheduled for the third week of January 2020.**

For more information, contact the Cultural Affairs Office by email: **PASAlgiersYouth@state.gov**

**FAQ:**

- Do I need to translate the provided documents?
  - No. Documents such as transcripts and school certificates can be sent in the original language.
- Who can write me a letter of recommendation?
  - Teachers, supervisors, school officials or anyone who has supervised you in the past.
- I don’t have a scanner for documents, what should I do?
  - You can take a clear, visible picture of the document and send it as an attachment with your application.
- A document is missing in my application, what should I do?
  - If your document will be available before the interview date, you can apply and explain in your email why this document is missing and when will you be able to send it.