



SUMMER STUDY IN THE UNITED STATES

2010 SUMMER INSTITUTES FOR OUTSTANDING EUROPEAN STUDENTS

A Program of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State

About the Program

The **Summer Institutes for Outstanding European Students** are five-week academic Institutes for undergraduate students that will be held in the United States in the summer of 2010. The Department of State is pleased to work with Drexel University, Bentley University and University of Minnesota, Twin Cities on these programs. Participation is open to students from a broad range of ethnic, religious, geographic, and socio-economic backgrounds from Denmark, France, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, and the United Kingdom. All activities will be conducted in English. Please see the description for each Institute below.

The Institute at **Drexel University** will offer participants a program focused on the study of the United States. Participants will learn about the history of the United States and study the key documents, important events, and people that have shaped the United States and the American character. Drexel's location in the historic city of Philadelphia will allow participants to visit the sites pivotal to America's birth as a country. Students will have ample opportunities to refine their English, writing, and public communications skills and work in teams alongside American students on a public service project. This Institute will host 24 participants.

Bentley University will administer a program focused on entrepreneurship and leadership development. Participants will learn about different forms of entrepreneurship, including social entrepreneurship, hear from young entrepreneurs, and build the skills necessary for leadership. Public speaking and written communication will be key components of the program. While entrepreneurship is typically identified in the business field, students in all fields of study are encouraged to apply. This Institute will host 20 participants.

The Institute at the **University of Minnesota, Twin Cities**, will focus on Climate Change and Sustainability and will include an academic, cultural, and site visit component. The participants will learn from experts about the latest research and theories on climate

change and environmental sustainability. The University of Minnesota is also prepared to offer English language tutorials. The participants will be undergraduate students with a demonstrated interest in climate change and/or sustainability issues. Participants may have a science or policy background. This Institute will host 10-12 participants.

All program costs will be fully funded by the U.S. Department of State. Participants will travel to the United States in mid-July (approximately July 16, 2010) and stay for five weeks. All participants will attend a debriefing and evaluation session in Washington, D.C., at the conclusion of the Institute before returning to Europe. Recruitment and selection of the Portuguese candidates for the Institutes will be managed by the Fulbright Commission in Portugal. The application deadline is April 1. Participants will be announced in May 2009.

Eligibility Requirements

The Institutes are open to students in all courses of study. Individuals interested in participating must meet the following eligibility requirements. Applicants must:

- be able to participate in the program in its entirety;
- have completed no more than two years of university study;
- have an adequate working knowledge of English;
- be committed to returning to their home university in the fall of 2009 or to beginning higher or further education;
- have a high level of academic achievement, as indicated by academic grades, awards, and teacher recommendations;
- have had little or no study or travel experience in the United States or elsewhere outside of Portugal
- be mature, responsible, independent, and open-minded;
- and be willing and able to participate fully in the Institute academic program, including attending all sessions, completing all assignments, and contributing to classroom discussions.

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

Financial Provisions

Those selected as participants in the 2010 Summer Institutes will be provided with the following:

- round-trip airfare from home city to the host university in the United States, including a stop in Washington, D.C., at the conclusion of the program to participate in a debriefing session;
- visa sponsorship;
- tuition and fees at the host university;
- lodging and meals on the host university campus;
- a small daily allowance for incidental expenses;

- health and accident coverage in accord with United States Government guidelines; and
- a book and educational materials allowance.

Application Information

Application forms are available in an electronic format. To download an application form, please, visit the Fulbright Commission website at www.fulbrightportugal.org. Handwritten application forms and statements will not be considered for selection. Along with the application form, applicants must submit:

- Copy of official university transcript (with course list) [certificado com discriminação de disciplinas e notas];
- Copy of official high school transcript [certificado de conclusão de ensino secundário com media final];
- Copy of I.D. [Bilhete de identidade/Cartão de Cidadão];
- A full copy of Passport, if the applicant has one;
- Proof of financial aid, if applicable;
- An A5 envelope with the applicant's address for returning the application materials.

The complete application must be sent to the following address and received no later than April 1:

Centro de Informação Fulbright
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Alameda da Universidade, Cidade Universitária
Campo Grande
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Those selected as semi-finalists will be asked to submit:

- two letters of reference,
- a copy of the *Declaração de Rendimentos*,
- the official university transcript,
- the official high school transcript,

and to attend an interview conducted in English. Questions about the program should be directed to:

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