

**APPLICATION FORM: SUMMER 2019 STUDY OF THE
U.S. INSTITUTE FOR STUDENT LEADERS ON YOUTH,
EDUCATION AND CLOSING THE SKILLS GAP.**

Summary:

The US Department of State and the Public Affairs Section of the US Embassy in Brazil are pleased to invite candidate nominations for a Summer **2019 Study of the United States Institute (SUSI) for Student Leaders** on the topic of **Youth, Education and Closing the Skills Gap**. Program will take place during the June to August timeframe in 2019, pending funding availability. The program will be conducted in **English** and will be hosted by an institution that will be known in April 2019.

1. Program Description:

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. The Institutes will include an academic residency component of approximately four weeks and a domestic study tour of approximately one week. 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. Institute on Youth, Education, and Closing the Skills Gap will explore how advances in technologies such as artificial intelligence, automation, and robotics are shaping how we work, where we work, and the skills and education required to work. The Institute will expose participants to global issues in the context of the future of work by examining educational, social and economic trends. Using an interdisciplinary approach, the academic program will examine the role of U.S. educational institutions, particularly community colleges, in preparing Americans with the skills needed to succeed in multiple industries and sectors including business, technology, science, higher education, the creative arts and other fields. Topics may include, but are not limited to, communication, entrepreneurship and the gig economy, globalization and urbanization, innovation and technology, organizational development and management, skills development, and reskilling and retraining. The Institute will also provide opportunities for participants to engage with educational and industry leaders, policy makers, trade associations and other key actors.

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Please submit this form to your contact at the respective consulate's Public Affairs Section (**Marianne Scholze Behs at the U.S. Consulate in Porto Alegre – BehsMS@state.gov**) no later than **11:59 pm Monday, January 21st, 2019.**

A. Applicant's full name, exactly as it appears in his/her passport (or national identity document).
Clearly identify first, middle and surnames as they appear in passport/ID.

Prefix: (Mr, Ms.).

Surname:

First name:

B. Gender:

C. Date of Birth (month/day/year): *(Please spell the month, eg: February 30, 1800)*

D. City/State of Birth:

E. Country of Birth:

F. Country(ies) of Citizenship:

G. Country of Residence:

H. Applicant's contact information: Home Address, Telephone and E-mail *(please write the name of the street in Portuguese)*

Address:

City:

State:

Postal Code:

(DDD): / Telephone: / Cell phone:

E-mail:

I. Emergency Contact information: Home Address, Telephone and E-mail *(please write the name of the street in Portuguese)*

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Postal Code:

(DDD): / Telephone: / Cell phone:

E-mail:

Relationship to applicant:

J. Medical, Physical, Dietary or other Personal Considerations: *Please state any existing medical conditions or if you are currently taking any prescription medication. (This will not affect selection, but will enable the host institution to make any necessary accommodations.)*

K. Academic Course, Institutions:

Course:

Home Institution Name:

Department:

Expected Graduation Date:

Year in School:

Course:

Home Institution Name:

Department:

Expected Graduation Date:

Year in School:

L. Work and volunteer experience:

M. Memberships in Associations, Clubs, etc.

N. Previous Experience in the United States: *Please list any and all trips to the United States and include approximate dates and the reason for travel.*

From: To:

Purpose:

O. Family residing in the United States: *Please list any immediate family members who are currently residing in the United States, including city and state.*

P. Evidence of English Fluency (*e.g. personal interview, test score, etc.*).

Q. Please attach your most recent University Transcript (in Portuguese)

R. Please attach Evidence of Fluency in English (*TOEFL, TELP or other certificates*)

S. Personal Statement - Write an essay (750 words maximum) that describes the following:

- 1 - Why are you interested in participating in this program?
- 2- What are your strongest qualifications for the program?
- 3 - As a participant, what unique qualities or perspectives will you bring to the group?
- 4 - How will you share what you have learned when you return to Brazil?

T. Reference Letter – Please provide a letter from a professor or supervisor that can attest your academic achievements and potential, leadership qualities, significant contributions to the class or university community and notable interest in the United States.