



From: Faculty Research Development Office
Office of the Vice President for Research

Subject: Limited Competitions: FY 2019 Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA): Study of the U.S. Institutes for Scholars Program & Study of the U.S. Institutes for Student Leaders Program

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UNM Researchers,

The Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) announces two open competitions related to the study of the U.S. institutes. Both calls are for new cooperative agreements. The first is FY 2019 Study of the U.S. Institutes for Scholars (CFDA #19.401) and the second is FY 2019 Study of the U.S. Institutes for Student Leaders (CFDA #19.009). Accredited U.S. post-secondary education institutions and other U.S. public and private non-profit organizations are invited to submit proposals to these two programs. Both of the programs are limited competitions and restrict applicants to only submitting one proposal per competition.

Study of the U.S. Institutes for Scholars: Initial responsibilities of the awardee include designing, implementing, and overseeing the Study of the U.S. Institutes Scholar programs including the administration of four (4) six-week academic Institutes for scholars on American Culture and Values; Journalism and Media; U.S. Foreign Policy; and Youth, Workforce Development, and Closing the Skills Gap for approximately 72 foreign scholars, professionals and practitioners from around the world. No institution, including the primary award recipient, may conduct more than one Institute. Additional information can be found at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=310340>.

ECA intends to award one (1) Cooperative Agreement to the Scholars competition (one base year plus two non-competitive continuations) for an estimated total amount of \$5,250,000.

Study of the U.S. Institutes for Student Leaders: PIs have the option of choosing to submit to either Option A or Option B, but no more than one application can be submitted per Institution. Additional information can be found at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=310339>.

Option A: The Study of the U.S. Institutes for Student Leaders (Global) - Initial responsibilities of the awardee include designing, implementing, and overseeing the Study of the U.S. Institutes (Global) program including the administration of five-week academic Institutes for approximately 140 foreign undergraduate students from selected countries (seven (7) Institutes total) on Civic Engagement (2); Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (2); Religious Freedom and Pluralism (1); Youth, Education and Closing the Skills Gap (1); and the Rule of Law and Public Service for military academy students (1). No institution, including the primary award recipient, may conduct more than two Institutes.

Option B: The Study of the U.S. Institutes for Student Leaders from Europe – Initial responsibilities of the awardee include designing, implementing, and overseeing the Study of the U.S. Institutes for Student Leaders from Europe program including the administration of five-week academic programs (four (4) Institutes total) on Civic Engagement (1); Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (1); Youth, Education and Closing the Skills Gap (1); and Journalism and Media (1) for approximately 80 undergraduate students from selected countries. No institution, including the primary award recipient, may conduct more than one Institute.

ECA intends to award two (2) Cooperative Agreements to the Leaders competition (one base year plus two non-competitive continuations) for an estimated total amount of \$12,150,000. One Cooperative Agreement of up to \$2,600,000 will support Option A and one Cooperative Agreement of up to \$1,450,000 will support Option B in the FY 2019 base year.

Both these competitions request full proposals to be submitted to the sponsor by January 11, 2019.

This is a limited competition. Each institution is limited to one proposal per competition. If you are interested in submitting a proposal, send a statement of interest with a tentative project title and brief description (200 words) including the names of other institutions you intend to include in the proposal by **noon, November 28, 2018** via e-mail to limited@unm.edu **with the subject line: ECA Scholars– your name OR ECA Leaders– your name**. *Statements of interest to the **ECA Leaders** competition should also include to what Option they are interested in applying.* Based on the e-mail responses received, the Limited Competitions Management Team may announce a call for preproposals for both or either of these competitions.

Please distribute this notice to departments and individuals whom you believe would be interested.

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