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Yerevan State University: Competition Announcement

Program Title: American Studies

Introduction: Yerevan State University is pleased to announce the award from the U.S. Embassy in Yerevan for the development of an American Studies Program at YSU, Faculty of International Relations. A major goal of the project will be to develop within the newly established American Studies Center an accredited, internationally recognized master's degree program in American Studies.

To facilitate the development of the master's degree in American Studies, Yerevan State University will be collaborating with Arizona State University in a year-long faculty enrichment program in 2020 that will permit up to eight YSU faculty members to undertake a semester in residence at Arizona State University in the target field of American Studies. The objective of the semester-in-residence program will be to prepare, in collaboration with ASU colleagues, professional academic syllabi for new and revised courses for delivery in the proposed YSU M.A. degree in American Studies. YSU faculty members interested in participating in this new program are invited to apply for the semester-in-residence program at ASU using the attached application form. Although the American Studies Center will be housed in the YSU Department of International Relations, faculty members with academic interest in American Studies from other academic disciplines are welcome to apply.

What are the dates? The first cohort of successful applicants will be in residence at Arizona State University for the four-month spring semester, late August through end of December 2020; the second applicant cohort will be in residence at ASU from early January 2021 through early May 2021.

What Will Successful Applicants Do While in Residence at ASU? YSU scholars-in-residence at ASU will attend a minimum of two courses/seminars in American Studies during the semester, will participate in other arranged seminars for YSU visiting scholars, and will prepare for delivery at least two course syllabi, which will be formally presented at an ASU seminar organized for that purpose at the close of the semester-in-residence. At least one of the courses developed must be taught in English

Program Costs. Visiting scholars at ASU will receive a monthly stipend of approximately \$1600. In addition, international airfare, and a book and materials allowance of \$1000 will be provided. Funds are not available to cover costs for dependents of exchange participants.

Who is eligible to apply? All current Yerevan State University faculty members and aspirants (Ph.D. students) as well as all faculty members of accredited higher education institutions based in Yerevan, which currently have a social science program who have teaching and/or research interests related to American Studies, are encouraged to apply. Since the selected participants will attend seminars at ASU, English skills sufficient to participate in university classes and seminars will be required. In keeping with the ASU commitment to diversity and the university's policy to provide equal opportunity in educational programs and activities, discrimination is prohibited on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, age, or disability.

Deadline: Completed applications and related attachments (hardcopy) in English only should be submitted no later than March 26 to the **YSU International Cooperation Office as well as emailed to Prof. Alexander Markarov - amarkarov@ysu.am and Dr. Stephen Batalden (stephen.batalden@asu.edu)**, ASU Co-Project Director and Founding Director, ASU Melikian Center. Finalists will be interviewed later in March – beginning of April, 2020. Announcement of the results of this competitive application process will be made by April 15, 2020.

Are there opportunities for those not able to spend a semester in residence at ASU? The new YSU American Studies Center will be organizing other research and guest lecture opportunities throughout the grant period. A YSU website announcing these opportunities will be opened shortly. We encourage you to consult that regularly.

Application for YSU American Studies Scholar-in-Residence Program at ASU

Personal Information

Name (FAMILY, first): _____

Home Address: _____

Home and/or Cell Phone: _____

Work Address: _____

Work Phone: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail address: _____

Current position at YSU: _____

My field of specialization is: _____

English Language Skills

English (oral):

___ elementary
___ intermediate
___ advanced

English (written):

___ elementary
___ intermediate
___ advanced

Computer Skills (Please indicate skill level as “none,” “elementary,” “intermediate,” or “advanced”):

E-mail: _____

Word processing: _____

Spreadsheets: _____

Databases: _____

PowerPoint: _____

Statistical software: _____

Web page development: _____

Other: _____

Windows 98/7/10 _____

Windows NT/2000 _____

Mac OS _____

Photo/graphics software

Prior U.S. Travel (List below any prior U.S. travels, including date and purpose of travel.)

Required Attachments (to be submitted with the application):

1. **A brief resume or curriculum vitae.** Your resume should include the degrees you have earned, your employment experience, your publications, other research, and your prior travel abroad (exclusive of U.S. travel noted above).

2. **A statement of your teaching and research interests related to the field of American Studies.** In addition to a paragraph statement of your interests, please list at least two potential courses related to American Studies that you would be interested in developing while at ASU you will attend relevant classes and develop syllabi for the courses while in residence at ASU. Please, provide initial design of the courses syllabi you are going to develop at ASU (no more than one page for each course), including a brief summary of the purpose of the proposed course, expected content, and learning outcomes

3. **A one-page typed statement** responding to the following questions: a) Why are you interested in participating in this exchange? b) What goals do you hope to achieve if you are selected?

NB. If you are selected to participate, you will be obliged to bring a copy of your passport and the completed attached questionnaire for the DS2019 Form to an orientation session in late October.

If you have further questions related to this application, please contact one of the following colleagues:

Dr. Alexander Markarov (amarkarov@ysu.am)

Dr. Vahagn Aglyan (aglyan@gmail.com)

Dr. Stephen Batalden (stephen.batalden@asu.edu)

Expectations for YSU Participants Traveling to ASU for a Semester Residence

1. YSU participants will provide ASU representatives with necessary information in a timely manner to process visa requests, coordinate travel arrangements, and schedule your attendance in ASU classes. A pre-departure orientation in Yerevan will be conducted for those traveling to the US.
2. YSU participants will attend an initial university orientation upon arrival in Arizona. The orientation will include issues of higher education in the U.S., the administrative structure and governance of ASU, and information about American Studies at ASU.
3. YSU participants will attend 2 regularly scheduled classes in the field of American Studies. YSU scholars will be provided with textbooks and will be expected to complete readings that are assigned to the class. Final class selections will be made during the initial university orientation in consultation with the YSU project team.
4. YSU participants will attend a weekly seminar organized specifically for this ASU-YSU partnership. Seminars will cover pedagogical topics, topics relevant to your field, and community outreach issues.
5. During the semester at ASU, YSU participants will develop a comprehensive action plan for implementation upon their return to Yerevan State University. The action plan will include plans for the delivery at YSU of two courses utilizing the syllabi generated while in residence at ASU.
6. You will have the opportunity to network with professional colleagues in your field and may, on occasion, give guest presentations.

I agree to the terms outlined above and wish to be considered for placement in the semester-in-residence program at ASU.

Signature

Date

American Studies MA Program: Tentative List of Courses

- 1. American Studies : Theory and Method**
- 2. Understanding American Society: Challenges and Transformations**
- 3. Social Science Research Methods**
- 4. History of the US : Critical Thought and the Main Schools**
- 5. Introduction to American Politics : Political Leadership, Institutions and Processes**
- 6. US Constitution and Judicial System in the 21st Century**
- 7. US Political Economy : Case Studies in American Capitalism and Corporate Culture**
- 8. Religion, Morality and Ethics : Cases from American Experience**
- 9. US Political Geography/Regionalism**
- 10. US Civil Society and NGO's**
- 11. Writing for the Professions**
- 12. The US in the Middle East**
- 13. The US and International Development**
- 14. American Modern Media and Press: Public Discourses and Politics**
- 15. American Mass Culture and Communication**
- 16. US Migration Policy and Diaspora**
- 17. Ecology and Energy Policy**

Questionnaire to process DS2019 Form for US Visas

This form must be completed by all those selected for the semester-in-residence program.

- 1.** Have you ever been to the United States before under the Visitor Exchange Program:

If yes: From _____ to _____

If yes, what category were you in: student, professor, research scholar, specialist, or short-term scholar:

- 2.** Please write your name as it appears on your passport:

Family Name:

First Name:

Middle Name:

- 3.** Date of Birth (month/day/year):

- 4.** Name of Town and Country of Birth:

- 5.** What citizenship do you hold:

- 6.** In what country are you a permanent resident:

- 7.** Official Title/Position:

- 8.** Your passport number and date of expiration

- 9.** Do you have a U.S. social security number? If yes, please provide that number to us.

- 10.** If you are invited to the project orientation, please be sure to bring a photocopy of the signature page of your passport.