

Sub-Saharan African Students Attend U.S. Department of State Program on Women's Leadership at Simmons College



BOSTON (July 17, 2014) — For the third consecutive year, [Simmons College](#) will host a [Study of the U.S. Institute \(SUSI\)](#) for Student Leaders on Women's Leadership. The five-week program is part of a broader U.S. Department of State initiative designed to promote better understanding of the United States abroad, and to help develop future world leaders. The program will feature 19 female undergraduate students from Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast), Liberia, Mali, Sierra Leone, Sudan, and South Sudan. In addition to focusing on the study of U.S. history, government, and society, with a particular focus on global women's leadership, the women will have an opportunity to experience the culture and hospitality of Boston. Follow the participants and their activities on Twitter [@StudyoftheUS](#). "We are delighted to once again be hosting a group of young African college women on our campus," said Simmons President [Helen Drinan](#). "The development of leadership and talent for a successful career and life is what Simmons is all about." During their visit, the African students will engage in intense academic study, leadership training, community service, and regular interactions with their American peers. The students will also spend a weekend with an American host family, and conclude the program with an educational visit to historic landmarks in Washington, D.C. and New York City. Additionally, five Simmons Richardson International Fellows will join the African students. The fellows' participation and travel is fully supported by Grace Richardson, a Simmons alumna and benefactor. The Fellows will receive four independent study credits for their participation. The Study of the U.S. Institutes are sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA). The SUSI participants at Simmons

are among more than 40,000 individuals who participate in U.S. Department of State exchange programs each year. For more than 60 years, ECA has funded and supported programs that seek to promote mutual understanding and respect between the citizens of the United States and other countries. For more information about ECA programs, contact ECA-Press@state.gov. Founded in 1899, Simmons College (www.simmons.edu) is a nationally ranked university located in the heart of Boston with a history of visionary thinking and social responsibility. It offers undergraduate education for women, and the nation's first MBA program designed for women. Simmons also offers renowned coeducational graduate programs in nursing and health sciences, liberal arts, library and information science, social work, and business. Follow Simmons on Twitter [@SimmonsCollege](https://twitter.com/SimmonsCollege) and [@SimmonsNews](https://twitter.com/SimmonsNews).