



## The United States Studies Centre

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### The University of Sydney

#### **REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR VISITING SCHOLARS IN RESIDENCE**

The US Studies Centre (USSC) attracts many requests from visiting scholars. This document outlines guidelines for considering such requests. It is, of course, essential that visiting scholars share the USSC's defined mission: to research, debate and create new knowledge on American political, economic, social and cultural issues. Regrettably, though the USSC welcomes collaboration with scholars compatible with its mission, it is able to contribute financially to only a small number of such visitors.

Requests for financial assistance will normally come through one of two channels:

1. Direct approach: Scholars at overseas universities in relevant fields may apply to the Academic Program Director seeking formal attachment to the Centre for a period of time as a *Scholar in Residence*. In such cases the Director will refer these applications to relevant staff in the University for consideration. Such staff will make a recommendation to the Director for consideration by USSC's CEO.
2. Sponsored visit: Scholars may apply through a sponsor from within The University of Sydney. (Most faculties will have a formal process that should be followed.) That sponsor will then apply to the USSC via the USSC Academic Program Director for consideration by the CEO.

In both cases, in order to be considered for financial assistance by the USSC, it is highly desirable that the proposed visitor already has a commitment for financial support from the Faculty or Centre sponsoring the Visiting Scholar request. Financial assistance will only be considered if the Visiting Scholar has a background and current research directions compatible with the core activities of the USSC (see the USSC website <http://sydney.edu.au/us-studies/>).

Favourable consideration will be extended to Visiting Scholars with a capacity for communicating big ideas rather than those with a narrow disciplinary focus (the latter would be best positioned within a specific discipline). If successful in the request for financial assistance from the USSC, it is essential that the Visiting Scholar contributes to the public and University profile of the USSC through a public seminar or similar that acknowledges the financial contribution made by the USSC. Public events should have broad appeal. The USSC's Events Manager can provide guidance in relation to appropriate acknowledgement.

At a minimum a *Scholar in Residence* would be expected to contribute to teaching in the US Studies undergraduate or postgraduate programs. Applications to the USSC for financial support should be accompanied by the scholar's full curriculum vitae, including a complete list of publications and conference presentations, and an overview of teaching or research work to be undertaken while at the University of Sydney or in Australia. Information should also be provided about the public activity (including proposed dates), which will be organised to enhance the profile of the USSC.

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