INFORMATION SHEET

THE HUBERT H. HUMPHREY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM
WHAT IS YOUR FIVE YEAR PLAN

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What is this program?

For mid-level professionals who are moving up into leadership positions in the public or private sector. This program offers an opportunity to develop one's leadership skills and learn the latest in their particular field. Fellows spend approximately nine months in the U.S. taking graduate-level courses at a U.S. university, participating in long term leadership development programs and engaging with professional peers from around the world in non-academic professional development activities. **This is not an academic degree program**. The goal is general professional development. Candidates must already have an undergraduate university degree, at least five years of professional experience, and be proficient in English (with a TOEFL score of at least 480).The funding covers the cost of tuition and university fees, a monthly maintenance allowance, a book and supplies allowance, round-trip transportation from Burkina Faso to the host university in the U.S., and transportation to Washington, D.C. for a special seminar.

What kinds of professionals are eligible to apply?

Mid-career professionals who work in the following fields in either the public or private sector is eligible to apply:

- Communications/Journalism
- Natural Resources and Environmental Management
- Public Policy Analysis and Public Administration
- Economic Development
- Agricultural Development/Agricultural Economics
- Finance and Banking
- Human Resource Management/Personnel
- Law, Civil Society, Human Rights, and Democratic Development
- Urban and Regional Planning
- Technology Policy and Management
- Educational Planning
- Public Health Policy and Management
- Drug Abuse Education, Prevention and Treatment

What are the minimum requirements?

Only applicants who meet the following minimum requirements can apply through the American Center in Ouagadougou:

- Citizens or permanent residents of Burkina Faso;
- Persons who have a university degree awarded after at least four years of full-time study that is sufficient to qualify the person to be admitted to a graduate study program at a university in the U.S.;
- Persons who will have at least **five years of professional work experience** prior to the commencement of their Fellowship and who desire to pursue study and professional development in the same field in which they have the five years of experience; and
- Persons who are proficient in both written and spoken English.

Who are the most competitive applicants?

Anyone meeting the minimum requirements may apply. However, people who have the following characteristics are the most competitive applicants and therefore the ones most likely to be selected:

- Persons who are complying with Burkina Faso Development Goals "SCADD" the Strategy for Accelerated Growth for Sustainable Development.
- Persons who have already demonstrated leadership qualities;
- Persons who have already shown a commitment to public service;
- Persons who have the potential to advance in their professional fields; and
- Persons involved in establishing and implementing policy (as distinguished from persons who only conduct research or who only perform technical functions).

Applications from women and persons who work at non-governmental organizations are encouraged.

In addition, researchers, treatment providers, prevention specialists, and public or private program planners in drug abuse prevention and treatment are encourage to apply. The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) in the U.S. funds a limited number of Fellowships each year for such persons.

What kinds of people are <u>not</u> eligible?

The following are examples of persons who are **<u>not</u>** eligible for this program:

- Recent university undergraduates;
- University teachers with no management responsibilities;
- Persons who have attended a graduate school in the U.S. for one academic year or more during the seven years prior to **August 2014**;

- Persons who have spent more than six months in the U.S. during the five years prior **to August 2014**; and
- Persons who are dual citizens of the U.S. and another country, or who have U.S. permanent resident status (e.g., who have a green card).

If I am eligible and meet the minimum requirements, how do I apply?

- You must complete a package of application materials. Applications can be sent to you by e-mail. You should send an e-mail to: fulbrightouaga@yahoo.com from December 16, 2013 to February 14, 2014 to request an application form.

- **Application forms must be completed and returned to the American Embassy, Service CAC by February 14, 2014.**

How does the competition work?

- The American Embassy reviews the application materials and selects the most-qualified applicants to be interviewed by a committee. These interviews will occur **in March 2014** at the American Embassy. Please do not call to find out if you have been selected to be interviewed. If you have been selected, we will contact you by telephone or e-mail to schedule your interview. If you are not contacted this means that you are not selected to participate in the competition.

- After the interviews, the American Embassy will contact those candidates who have been selected to continue in the competition. The American Embassy will schedule these candidates to take the Test of English Language Proficiency (the TELP) in Ouagadougou by **mid-March**. After the TELP results selected candidates will be registered to take the TOEFL test on August and they will be allowed to continue in the competition. These candidates will be the finalists from Burkina Faso. **Only candidates who are likely to score at least 480 on the TOEFL test will be allowed to continue in the competition.** The finalists must also fill out the online application and provide additional application materials (translated letters of reference and academic transcripts) to the American Embassy by **September 05, 2014.**

- The Finalists from Burkina Faso then compete against applicants from other countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean, the Middle East, and Eurasia. The winners will be announced between **mid-March and early April of 2015**.

What if I am not a citizen or permanent resident of Burkina Faso?

If you are not a citizen or permanent resident of Burkina Faso you cannot apply for this program through the U.S. Embassy in Ouagadougou. You should contact the Public Affairs Section in the U.S. Embassy in your home country to find out whether your country participates in this program, and, if so, how to apply.

When will I go to the United States if I am selected?

The current competition is for Fellowships starting in **August or early September of 2015** and finishing in the **spring of 2016**. Winning candidates who have a TOEFL score over 480 but less than 550 will generally be required to go to the U.S. **as early as late March of 2015** for intensive English language study before the beginning of their academic year.

If I am selected can my spouse or children come with me to the U.S.?

No. The cost of living is very high in the U.S. and there is no funding to support anyone other than the person awarded the Fellowship. In rare cases, a Humphrey Fellow may request permission for his or her dependents to come to the U.S. after the Fellow has arrived in the U.S. if the Fellow can show proof of adequate personal funds to cover the living expenses of the dependents and the cost of health insurance for them.

How do I get more information?

You can also find the application form on our web site: http://ouagadougou.usembassy.gov
If you have questions, the American embassy at Ouaga 2000, Ouagadougou will host information sessions every Wednesday from 10:00 am to 11:00, beginning Wednesday, December 18, 2013 through February 12, 2013. (For security reason, please be at the embassy before 9:30. Come with your identity card, cell phone and lap tops and electronic devices are not allowed in the embassy.)