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Announcing Opportunities for Study and Travel to the United States

The U.S. Mission to Iraq is pleased to announce that it is accepting applications for two U.S. Government-sponsored exchange programs focused on developing leadership, public service, and English teaching skills. The programs provide Iraqi professionals and young teachers of English the opportunity to travel to the United States for up to one year to improve their professional skills, refine their teaching capabilities, increase their English-language proficiency, and extend their knowledge of American culture and customs. These programs are designed to build ties of mutual understanding between the United States and Iraq in support of the U.S.-Iraq Strategic Framework Agreement.

The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program is a Fulbright program that brings accomplished young and mid-career professionals with demonstrated leadership potential to the United States for one year of non-degree graduate-level study, leadership development, and professional enrichment. The program's goal is to provide future leaders and policy makers in Iraq with an understanding of U.S. society and culture, as well as professional experience that will provide a basis for lasting, productive ties between Iraqis and their professional colleagues in the United States. Mid-career professionals with a minimum of a Bachelor's degree, at least five years of professional experience, and a commitment to public service in the public or private sector are encouraged to apply.

The Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) Program is a nine-month, non-degree program that provides young teachers of English an opportunity to refine their teaching skills, increase their English-language proficiency, and expand their knowledge of American society and culture, while helping to strengthen foreign language instruction at U.S. colleges and universities by working as Arabic-language teaching assistants. Applicants must be between 21 and 29 years of age, be current teachers of English, and possess a Bachelor's degree at the time of application.

All applicants must be fluent in English, with no or limited prior U.S. experience, and be Iraqi citizens residing in Iraq. Family members cannot accompany participants. There is no cost to apply. The U.S. Department of State will fully fund participants' travel, educational program costs, health insurance, housing, and a modest living stipend.

Prospective applicants are encouraged to review the program information and eligibility guidelines available on our website, <http://iraq.usembassy.gov/exchangesprograms.html>. The deadline for submitting

applications to both programs is July 18, 2013. For more information, applicants may email FulbrightIraq@state.gov.