

## **2016-2017 Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program**

### **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

**1. Is the Humphrey Fellowship a degree-granting program?**

The Humphrey program is a non-degree exchange program. Participants may complete academic coursework at their host university to update their academic and professional knowledge in their field, but they do not receive an academic degree as a result of their participation in the program.

**2. I worked part-time in a professional position while I was in graduate school. Does that qualify me for the Humphrey Fellowship program?**

Candidates for the Humphrey program should have at least five years of full-time experience in their professional field and should be at a point in their careers to fully benefit from this mid-career program. Candidates with only part-time work experience may not be considered eligible.

**3. What is the application deadline?**

Application deadline for participants from Iraq is July 15, 2015.

**4. If I'm selected, what are the time demands of the program?**

The Humphrey program is quite rigorous and life as a Humphrey Fellow does not resemble that of a graduate student with regular hours and a predictable schedule. There are many activities required of Humphrey Fellows as part of the program. Fellows go on field trips, attend a weekly Humphrey seminar as well as other conferences and networking meetings, and may spend long hours each day in classes and involved in campus and community activities, in addition to spending time with other members of the group on campus. Fellows also travel away from their host campus as part of the program, spending two weeks in Washington, DC for national program events. Fellows may also attend workshops and conferences in other parts of the country at various times throughout the year.

**5. May I choose the university I will attend?**

Fellows are not able to choose which university they will attend. Rather, they are assigned in diverse groups of 7-15 to the most appropriate host institution based on their area of interest and professional field.

**6. What May I bring my family with me?**

J visa sponsorship is offered only to the Humphrey Fellowship award recipient. There is no J-2 visa available for dependents (spouses and children under the age of 21), and they cannot accompany the Iraqi fellowship recipient on his/her study program.

**7. What does the Fellowship stipend cover?**

The Fellowship provides for:

- Payment of tuition and fees at the assigned host university;
- Pre-academic English language training, if required;
- A maintenance (living) allowance, including a one-time settling-in allowance;
- Accident and sickness coverage;

- A textbook allowance;
- A one-time computer subsidy;
- Air travel (international travel to and from the U.S. for the program and domestic travel to required program events); and
- A professional development allowance for professional activities, such as field trips, professional visits and conferences.

**8. What is the timeline of the program?**

Applications are due to the Embassy by July 15, 2015. Fellowships are announced in March the following year and Humphrey Fellows start their program in the U.S. between April and September of the same year, depending on the amount of English language training required. The program ends the following June. Fellows with inadequate TOEFL scores may be required to attend intensive English language training before the start of their Fellowship.

**9. If I'm not selected this year, may I reapply?**

Participants generally may reapply for the program; however, please consult the Embassy at [FulbrightIraq@state.gov](mailto:FulbrightIraq@state.gov) for specific guidelines about doing so.