

Frequently Asked Questions about Fulbright and Humphrey Fellowships for Maldivian Applicants

Both Fulbright and Humphrey Fellowships

- 1. *Where do I submit hard-copy application or documents?***
During the initial application process there is no need to submit any hard copy documents. If you are invited for interviews you will be provided instructions on the hard copy documents to submit to the American Center in Malé . You should have ready official, original academic transcripts in sealed envelope direct from the university and test results.
- 2. *How will you select the candidates to be interviewed?***
A panel composed of U.S. Embassy officials reviews the online applications and selects the most highly qualified candidates for interviews.
- 3. *Where and when are interviews held?***
In Malé, generally in September.
- 4. *Who conducts interviews?***
A panel composed of U.S. Embassy officials and officials of the Maldivian Department of Higher Education.
- 5. *If selected, can I bring family/dependents along on either program? Will any financial assistance be provided for dependents?***
You can bring family at your own expense. No financial assistance is provided. You will need to convince the school and the visa officer that you have sufficient funds to support family member(s). Family members cannot work. Fulbright Fellows are strongly encouraged to complete the first semester without family present because the schedule will be challenging.
- 6. *Is it necessary for my undergraduate degree to be from a "4-year" program? (some countries issue 3-year Bachelor's degrees)***
You should have the equivalent of a bachelor's degree (in some countries that is done in 4 years and in some it is done in 3 years).
- 7. *When will final selections be made?***
Shortly after interviews.
- 8. *The application process asks me to "register a recommender" after which they will receive an email. How does this work?***
The referral process is done entirely online. The person you register will receive an email and will enter their recommendation online. If you have an extreme situation where you have a hard copy recommendation letter and the person cannot be contacted online, inform the American Center in Malé to see if an exception can be made.

Fulbright Fellowship

- 1. *Do I have to have worked for the Maldivian government to be eligible?***
No. All Eligibility criteria are listed here: <http://exchanges.state.gov/non-us/program/fulbright-foreign-student-program>
- 2. *If I am selected for an interview, what will I be asked to submit?***
If you are invited for an interview, you will be provided instructions on the hard copy documents to submit to the American Center in Malé. At time of application you should have ready official, original academic transcripts in a sealed envelope direct from the university and test results.
- 3. *What are the cut off dates for turning 24 or 30 years old? Is it alright to be 30/23 when applying and 31/24 when it's time to leave?***
Yes.
- 4. *In what circumstances will I be required to do GMAT?***

This is determined by the university and program you apply to. Generally GMAT is only required if you are going for an MBA.

5. *Is it necessary to have completed TOEFL and GRE before application?*

No, but some people do it just to give it a try.

6. *When will I be expected to complete TOEFL or GRE?*

You will need the test results to apply to universities, so would need to take the test immediately. That's why it's great to take it earlier, to avoid rushing at the last minute.

Humphrey Fellowship

1. *Do I have to have worked for the Maldivian government to be eligible to apply?*

No. All Eligibility criteria are listed here: <https://humphreyfellowship.org/am-i-eligible>

2. *If I am selected for an interview, what will I be asked to submit?*

If you are invited for an interview, you will be provided instructions on the hard copy documents to submit to the American Center in Malé. At time of application you should have ready official, original academic transcripts in a sealed envelope direct from the university and test results.

We strongly encourage all who meet the eligibility criteria outlined on the websites below to apply online.

Fulbright: <http://maldives.usvpp.gov/on-9march15-2.html>

Humphrey: <http://maldives.usvpp.gov/on-9march15.html>