

2017 - HUBERT H. HUMPHREY PROGRAM – IMPORTANT INFORMATION (please read carefully)

The deadline for receipt of nominations for the 2017-2018 Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship is September 1, 2016

Only online nominations will be accepted.

Applicants in disciplines that focus on pressing social or development needs are strongly encouraged to apply.

Program Description:

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 a year of non-degree graduate-level study, leadership development, and substantive professional collaboration with U.S. counterparts.

By providing future leaders and policy makers with experience in U.S. society, culture, and professional fields, the program provides a basis for lasting, productive ties between Americans and their professional counterparts overseas. Fellows are nominated by embassies (through Public Affairs Sections) or Fulbright Commissions based on potential for leadership and commitment to public service. The Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board reviews all recommended candidates for final approval. Primary funding for the Humphrey program is provided by the Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) from its Congressional appropriation for exchanges.

Program Components:

Academic: The Humphrey program is classified as a non-degree program by the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS). Humphrey Fellows cannot transfer from non-degree status to degree status under any circumstances.

Humphrey Fellows pursue tailored study programs at participating host institutions, where the freedom from the requirements of a degree program gives each Fellow the flexibility to pursue a self-directed, individualized program. There is no provision for Fellows to request placement at any particular university. Approximately 14 campuses have been selected through a competitive process to host Fellows in

groups with thematic and subject affinities. Each university is chosen based on institutional resources and the level of support and guidance it offers to the participants. Each campus has a designated faculty coordinator for academic and administrative support. In addition, faculty advisors also assist Fellows in pursuing balanced academic and professional programs.

Professional: professional enrichment activities include professional visits, conferences, training programs, and a professional affiliation (work attachment). The professional affiliation provides first-hand exposure to an American work environment on a full-time basis for a minimum period of 6 weeks.

Early in the academic year, each Fellow develops, with assistance from the local campus coordinator and faculty advisors, a detailed plan of practical professional activities geared to the Fellow's Humphrey program objectives.

Fields of Study:

Additional guidance regarding appropriate candidates in the following eligible fields is provided below.

Sustainable Development

- a. Agricultural and Rural Development
- b. Economic Development/Finance and Banking
- c. Natural Resources, Environmental Policy, and Climate Change
- d. Urban and Regional Planning

Democratic Institution Building

- a. Communications/Journalism
- b. Law and Human Rights
- c. Public Policy Analysis and Public Administration
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- d. Trafficking in Persons Policy and Prevention
- e. Technology Policy and Management
- f. Human Resource Management

Education

- a. Educational Administration, Planning and Policy
- b. Higher Education Administration
- c. Teaching of English as a Foreign Language

Public Health

- a. Public Health Policy and Management
- HIV/AIDS Policy and Prevention

c. Substance Abuse Education, Prevention, and Treatment

NOTE: ECA cooperates with the National Institute on Drug Abuse, which provides co-funding, to work with Humphrey Fellows in this field of study. Candidates must have either a research background in the field or demonstrated ability to learn the results and policy implications of current research. The candidates should be recruited and ranked together with candidates in other fields, and must complete the supplementary field-specific page of the Humphrey application for this topic area.

Selection: Appropriate candidates are young and mid-career professionals in leadership positions who have a commitment to public service and the potential for professional advancement. Prospective Fellows should have a minimum of five years full-time professional experience (prior to August 2017) in the relevant field, after completing a university degree, and should be interested in the policy aspects of their field of specialization. Please note that candidates must have completed a university degree program requiring at least four years of full-time study to qualify for participation in U.S. graduate study programs.

Candidates should have both the need to participate in the program and the potential to benefit from it. Accordingly, they should demonstrate the required experience, skills, and commitment while also indicating how they can benefit from this program in ways that they have not experienced previously and are not likely to experience without the Humphrey Program. Applicants with distinguished records but who do not have a compelling need for the Humphrey experience are not appropriate candidates.

Ineligible candidates include recent university graduates (even if they have significant positions); university teachers or academic researchers with no management responsibilities (except in the fields of Substance Abuse Education, Prevention, and Treatment and Teaching of English as a Foreign Language); individuals who have attended a graduate school in the United States for one academic year or more during the seven years prior to August 2017; and individuals with U.S. in-country experience of any kind lasting more than six months during the five years prior to August 2017. A candidate with recent third-country experience, especially in developed countries, may have a less compelling need for the Humphrey Program than a candidate who has never had a significant professional opportunity abroad. Individuals with dual U.S. citizenship or U.S. permanent resident status may not apply to the program, since they are ineligible for a J visa.

Application Forms:

As noted above, only electronic submissions of applications will be accepted.

Substance Abuse Supplementary Application Page: Only candidates applying in the Substance Abuse field of study should submit this supplementary field-specific application page. Candidates in other fields of study should disregard this page of the application.

Dependents:

Humphrey Fellows may bring dependents on J-2 visas to accompany them while in the United States if they meet all criteria described in this paragraph. All expenses for J-2 dependents must be covered by the grantee. The Humphrey Fellowship stipend is not sufficient to support anyone in addition to the grantee. Awards do not include an additional allowance for dependents. Candidates are advised of the high cost of living in the United States if they are considering whether to have dependents join them. Fellows who wish to have family members join them during all or part of their fellowship year must receive prior approval following a technical review of evidence that they have adequate personal funds to cover living expenses and dependents' health insurance and child care. Health insurance for dependents is required and may cost USD 200 per month per dependent. Failure to provide adequate dependent health insurance coverage is grounds for terminating the grant award due to non-compliance with J visa requirements.

Program Fields

Sustainable Development



Agricultural and Rural Development

Suitable candidates include individuals from the public sector, non-governmental organizations, and business focused on agricultural and food system development and/or rural development. The field includes, but is not limited to, the following areas of specialization: food security, sustainable farming systems, agricultural research, extension management, agricultural marketing and value-chain management, post-harvest technology and food safety, trade and food policy, and rural livelihood enhancement.



Economic Development

This field may be interpreted very broadly. Suitable candidates include policy makers and administrative managers focusing on contemporary development issues including population growth, agriculture and industrial development, poverty and income distribution, labor markets, and foreign trade. Individuals who are working in the fields of sustainable development and micro-finance in the public or private sector are also appropriate.



Finance and Banking

Suitable candidates include individuals who are involved in the management of financial institutions, the regulation of depository institutions and securities, transnational lending and trade financing, or public-private partnerships. Corporate financial managers and analysts are appropriate if they are interested in and able to convey how their work will impact the development of the country. Individuals in this field are not suitable for the Humphrey Fellowship Program if they are primarily concerned with expanding a corporate entity's market share.



Natural Resources, Environmental Policy, and Climate Change

Natural resource and environmental managers are appropriate candidates for this field. Policy makers working on the protection of natural resources, water quality, pollution control, land use, conservation, and environmental impact assessment are also suitable. Climate change is a critical emerging field open to professionals working in a range of disciplines, including policy development, clean technologies, carbon management, and response planning or adaptation to new climate patterns.



Urban and Regional Planning

Appropriate candidates for this field include architects, engineers, planners, urban designers, urban economists and sociologists, and historic preservation specialists. The field of Urban and Regional Planning should be broadly interpreted to include the following: urban infrastructure, transportation policy and planning, water and sanitation, town and rural planning, land use and urban design, housing and real estate development, international and comparative planning, environmental protection and planning, ecological land development, public policy, social policy, urban redevelopment policy, economic development and planning, regional economic integration, economic conversion, urban finance management, and urban spatial analysis using geographic information systems.

Democratic Institution Building



Communications/Journalism

Appropriate candidates include those using media in all its current forms to facilitate global development for their country. Journalists in this field could work for private media outlets or state-run public broadcasters with a focus on independent reporting and transparency. Journalists can work in any platform (print, broadcast, online) using digital and social media tools to cover a wide variety of subject beats, including but not limited to public affairs, arts and features, social issues, business news and investigative topics. Other individuals might manage the public or internal communications for non-governmental organizations, for state-run media, governmental agencies and private business enterprises.



Law and Human Rights

Attorneys, judges, and human rights activists are the most suitable candidates in this field. The range of law specializations is far reaching; some of the more common include: constitutional, criminal, business, civil rights, family/child, alternative dispute resolution, international humanitarian, international trade, international business, intellectual property, and telecommunications law. Individuals engaged in legal and judicial reform and the administration of justice also are appropriate candidates.



Public Policy Analysis and Public Administration

This field may be interpreted very broadly. Policy issues that past Fellows addressed have included: regional economic and workforce development planning; public management and leadership; financial management in public and non-profit organizations; poverty and inequality; gender; public finance and revenue administration; domestic and foreign development policies; political transition to market-based democracy; planning and the global knowledge economy; and private sector development.



Trafficking in Persons Policy and Prevention

Candidates include foreign government officials, NGO activists, and media specialists who are focused on anti-trafficking issues. Humphrey Fellows can focus in areas of public administration, NGO administration, law and human rights, social work, communications and journalism, and public health as applied to anti-trafficking program management and policy-making.



Technology Policy and Management

Network administrators, engineers, and urban planners involved in formulating technology policy and planning and managing technological change and systems are suitable candidates in this field. Officials in the Ministry of Education and educators who teach technology and science in higher education institutions and can demonstrate leadership in curriculum development or administration in this field are also appropriate candidates.



Human Resource Management

The most suitable candidates in this field are those individuals dealing with institutional change and setting personnel policies and procedures. These might be human resource managers or individuals from various fields who have been charged with re-organizing a department or ministry, for example.

Education



Educational Administration, Planning and Policy

Individuals who are contributing to national or regional education planning, policy development and implementation make good candidates. University professors with an exclusively academic focus are not suitable; however, university professors in administrative or policy-making positions are eligible. Candidate profiles also include those focused in the more technical areas of education: curriculum development, instruction and learning assessment techniques, program design and adult learning, teacher training, and the use of technology in higher education. These individuals may be teachers if they also have additional responsibilities in the areas above.



Higher Education Administration

This field of study is intended for individuals who devote a significant portion of their professional life to policy formation, strategic decision-making, planning and management in higher education. Individuals holding administrative or policy-making positions at institutions of higher education, non-profit organizations or government ministries are eligible. Suitable candidates also include those focused on functional areas of higher education, such as curriculum design techniques for instruction and learning assessment, vocational and life-long learning programs, and areas of higher education administration such as financial management, student affairs, academic affairs, business affairs, recruitment and admissions, development and alumni relations, and the use of technology in higher education. These individuals can be faculty at institutions of higher education if they also have significant responsibilities in the areas listed above.



Teaching of English as a Foreign Language

Appropriate candidates include teacher trainers and master teachers in the field of Teaching English as a Foreign Language if they are interested in teacher training, curriculum development, and methodology.

Public Health



Public Health Policy and Management

Physicians, clinicians with management responsibilities, health educators, and other practitioners with policy-making responsibilities in this field are suitable candidates. Past Fellows' interests have included: management of public health care organizations, health care delivery through community-based organizations, reproductive, adolescent and child health, and epidemiology in public health practice. Candidates who are primarily practitioners in their field are not appropriate. For example, dentists whose program goals are to be more effective dentists in a clinical setting are not appropriate candidates for the program. Instead, dentists or other practitioners who are interested in acquiring skills and knowledge to become better administrators of public health programs, which might, for example, promote health education in their community or country, would be a better fit for the program.



HIV/AIDS Policy and Prevention

Physicians, health educators, communication specialists, and policy analysts who are interested in HIV/AIDS policy, treatment and prevention are appropriate candidates for this field. Candidates with a primary focus on clinical treatment are not appropriate.



Substance Abuse Education, Treatment and Prevention

Candidates in this field may be focused on problems of alcohol, drug and tobacco use as well as broader areas of public health that relate to substance abuse, such as HIV/AIDS, mental health, medicine, psychology, social work and counseling. Previous Fellows in the substance abuse field have come from schools and universities, community-based treatment and prevention programs, hospitals, criminal justice settings and local or national policy agencies. Fellows in this field will have access to strong university-based research program as well as contacts with community, state and national professionals and provider groups working in substance abuse. [Institute of International Education](#)