



## **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program Competition for the 2021-2022 Academic Year**

The United States Embassy in Mauritania is pleased to announce that the annual application period for the Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program 2021-2022 is now open. Interested applicants must submit an application on the following website no later than **June 30, 2020**: <https://apply.iie.org/huberthumphrey>

The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program is a NON-DEGREE Fulbright program that brings accomplished mid-career professionals with demonstrated leadership potential to the United States for a year of graduate-level non-degree academic coursework and professional development activities. 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 selected based upon potential for leadership and commitment to public service.

The program seeks to foster an exchange of knowledge and mutual understanding between American citizens and their professional counterparts from Mauritania.

### **Program Components:**

1. **Academic:** 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. Fellows are assigned to a campus. Approximately 18 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. 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.

2. **Professional:** A Fellow's professional-development plan may include professional visits, conferences, and a professional affiliation, which must be at least six weeks in duration. Early in the academic year, each Fellow develops, with assistance from the local campus coordinator and faculty advisors, a plan for professional activities carefully geared to the Fellow's need for relevant, practical professional experiences.

### **Fields of Study:**

Interested applicants can find additional guidance regarding eligibility and fields of study at <https://www.humphreyfellowship.org/>. Candidates must have either a research background in the field or demonstrated ability to learn the results and policy implications of current research.

Eligible fields include:

#### **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. International Religious Freedom
- d. Public Policy Analysis and Public Administration
- e. Trafficking in Persons Policy and Prevention
- f. Technology Policy and Management
- g. 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
- b. HIV/AIDS Policy and Prevention
- c. Substance Abuse Education, Prevention, and Treatment
- d. Contagious and Infectious Diseases

### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

To be eligible for a Humphrey fellowship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Applicants must be Mauritanian citizens, resident in Mauritania
- Applicants must have an undergraduate university degree License or Maitrise;
- Applicants should have a minimum of five years full-time professional experience (prior to August 2021)
- Applicants must possess managerial or supervisory positions in their organizations and a demonstrated record of public service;
- Applicants should have limited or no prior experience in the U.S.; and
- Applicants should be willing to sit for the TOEFL (English language proficiency exam) if they are a program finalist in order to demonstrate proficient in both written and spoken English with a minimum TOEFL score of 71 (internet-based).

**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 2021;
- Individuals with U.S. in-country experience of any kind lasting more than six months during the five years prior to August 2021; and
- Individuals with dual U.S. citizenship or U.S. permanent resident status may not apply to the program; they are ineligible for a J visa.
- Local employees staff (LES) abroad employed by the State Department/United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and their immediate family members are ineligible for grants during the period of their employment and for one year following the termination of employment.

**HOW TO APPLY:**

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Applications for the Humphrey Fellowship must be filed on-line; do *\*not\** send applications to the Public Affairs Section or the Embassy. The on-line application requires the following elements, *in English* or *with official English translation*:

1. Curriculum Vitae detailing overall experience and qualifications;
2. Program plan providing details of what the applicant hopes to accomplish through participation in the program;
3. Personal statement;

4. Recommendations from two referees, with English translation;
5. Copy of undergraduate transcript (original copies will be requested if applicants have been selected for interviews).

While there is no age requirement, the most competitive applicants are in 32 –45 year age range. Female applicants meeting the minimum requirement are encouraged to apply. Candidates are also encouraged to visit the Humphrey Fellowship program website to learn more about the program: <https://www.humphreyfellowship.org>

**Questions:** Please contact [PASNouakchott@state.gov](mailto:PASNouakchott@state.gov).