



## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program

The Embassy of the United States of America is accepting applications from citizens of the Republic of Mauritius for the 2020-2021 Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program. The deadline for receipt of nominations is **June 19, 2019**.

### **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.

### **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:**

**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
- 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
- b. HIV/AIDS Policy and Prevention
- c. Substance Abuse Education, Prevention, and Treatment

*NOTE: The U.S. Department of State's Educational and Cultural Affairs Bureau (ECA) cooperates with the National Institute on Drug Abuse, which provides co-funding, to work with Humphrey Fellows in the field of substance abuse. Candidates must have either a research background in the field or demonstrated ability to learn the results and policy implications of current research. Applicants 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 2020) 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 be proficient in both written and spoken English and should normally have a minimum TOEFL

score of 525 (paper based) or 71 (internet-based), although exceptionally promising candidates with lower scores may be nominated for the Long-Term English (LTE) training. 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 2020; and individuals with U.S. in-country experience of any kind lasting more than six months during the five years prior to August 2020. 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.

**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 should be advised of the high cost of living in the United States if they are considering whether to have dependents join them. Dependents may not accompany fellows to English language training under any circumstances. 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. ECA will seek concurrence of the Embassy before processing any dependent requests.

### **Application Forms:**

The online application for Humphrey Program applicants is available at:  
<https://apply.iie.org/hubertthumphrey>

Applicants must state 2020-2021 cycle when they are filling out their application.

A complete application includes:

- (1) Duly filled Application Form
- (2) Official transcripts with the degree certificates.
- (3) English translations of official documents where applicable.

- (4) Two letters of recommendation including one from current employer.
- (5) Study Objectives and Personal Statements.

*Note: Candidates who are under 30 need to clearly demonstrate the maturity and discipline needed to carry out a flexible, self-directed program.*

Only shortlisted candidates will be called in for an interview at which time, the originals of all documents must be produced. Incomplete/poorly written applications **will not** be considered.

Queries on this call for application should be directed to the Public Affairs Section team of the U.S. Embassy at [portlouispas@gmail.com](mailto:portlouispas@gmail.com) with subject line: 2020-2021 Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program.