

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

THE HUBERT H. HUMPHREY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM 2025-2026

The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program provides ten months of non-degree academic study and related professional experiences in the United States. Humphrey Fellows are selected based on their potential for leadership and their commitment to public service in either the public or the third sector.

Candidates may be accompanied by dependents only after the first month of the academic part of the program. The Humphrey program award does not support expenses related to relatives, spouse, or children.

A pre-academic program may be offered to selected candidates for improving language skills at the Commission's sole discretion. The Humphrey Program may also offer a Long-Term English (LTE) language training opportunity to facilitate the participation of candidates from non-elite populations, rural areas, minority groups, and others who may be excellent candidates but are lacking the necessary language skills. LTE participants will be brought to the United States for an intensive 16-week pre-academic program to improve their language skills before transitioning to the academic-year Humphrey campus.

1. ELIGIBILITY

Only Brazilians residing in Brazil during the application and the selection process are eligible. Candidates should have a minimum of five years full-time professional experience in the Third Sector or in the Public Sector (prior to August 2025) in the proposed program field, Item 2, after completing a university degree and should be interested in the policy aspects of their field of specialization. Candidates must have completed a university degree program requiring at least **four years of full-time** study. A record of public service in the community and limited or no prior experience in the United States are a requirement.

Appropriate candidates are mid-career professionals in leadership positions who have demonstrated a commitment to public service and the potential for professional advancement. Be at a point in their careers to fully benefit from this professional development program.

Dual Brazilian/U.S. citizens are not eligible.

Ineligible candidates include: (i) recent university graduates (even if they have significant positions); (ii) university teachers or academic researchers with no management responsibilities; (iii) individuals who have attended a graduate school in the United States for one academic year or more during the seven years prior to August 2025; (iv) individuals with U.S. in-country experience of any kind lasting more than six months during the five years prior to August 2025; and (v) individuals with dual U.S. citizenship or U.S. permanent resident status may not apply to the program.

2. PROGRAM FIELDS OF STUDY

The programs arranged for Humphrey Fellows are related to one of the following fields (see detailed description attached in Appendix I):

Human and Institutional Development

- Public Policy Analysis and Public Administration
- Technology Policy and Management

Rights and Freedoms

- Communications/Journalism
- Law and Human Rights
- Trafficking in Persons Policy and Prevention

Sustainable Lands

- Agricultural and Rural Development
- Natural Resources, Environmental and Climate Change
- Urban and Regional Planning

Thriving Communities

- Contagious and Infectious Diseases
- Public Health Policy and Management
- Substance Abuse Education, Treatment and Prevention

3. FUNDING

The Humphrey Fellowship provides:

- Summer pre-academic English training or Intensive Long-Term English Training, when applicable.
- Maintenance stipend (depends on U.S location).
- Settling-in; books allowance; computer subsidy; tuition and fees.
- Round-trip international travel to the host institution (and to the Fellow's English- language training program when applicable) and domestic travel to Washington, D.C. for a special seminar.
- Supplementary funds are available for professional activities such as field trips or attendance at conferences.
- Limited Health Care Benefit Plan: ASPE - Accident and Sickness Program for Exchanges, and
- J-1 visa fee.

The grantee is responsible for providing travel, insurance, and financial support for any dependents accompanying them to the United States. **The Humphrey Fellowship stipend is sufficient only to support the Fellow. Candidates should be advised of the high cost of living in the United States if they are considering having dependents join them.**

4. SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

The candidate must carefully read the Application Instructions and submit the online application form, both available at <https://fulbright.org.br/>, including **all** the following documents and information that **are mandatory**, except for the TOEFL iBT:

- **Academic history:** (mandatory) transcripts and diplomas both **in Portuguese** from undergraduate and graduate studies, when applicable.
- **Language skills:**
 - **A valid English Language Assessment form** (made in 2023, at least), which must be completed by a professor of English as a Foreign Language who speaks English as his/her native language or by a director of courses in English of a Binational Center (mandatory); and
 - **A score report**, if available (no more than two years old, counting from August 2023) with the score as follows: 61 TOEFL *iBT*[®] or 500 TOEFL ITP.
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NOTE: The TOEFL iBT score is **NOT mandatory**. The submission of the score is only if the candidate already has it as described above.

- **Essay questions:** Answer four questions in English which are provided at the online application form to define the Program Plan. Candidates must write in English a clear and detailed description of the program they want to pursue; (mandatory)
- **Brazilian passport ID:** (mandatory) if available, or official document ID photo (CNH or RG). If the candidate has already received a J-1 visa, a copy of the DS-2019 form and the visa on the passport (original document);
- **CV:** (mandatory) no more than three pages in English;

- **Recommendations:** (mandatory) two letters of recommendation in English, one of which must be from the candidate's immediate supervisor in current position;
- **A thirty-seconds video:** (mandatory) record a thirty-seconds video in English in MP4 format and send through the link available at <https://fulbright.org.br/>. As part of the application process **the video must explain in what ways do the candidates' Program Plan in the proposed field fit with the Program? And why is going to the United States necessary for the accomplishment of their career goals?**

Candidates must submit their applications through the online application system until the deadline. Candidates are responsible for ensuring that all supporting documents are attached to the online application, as outlined here above. The Fulbright Commission will not consider applications with inaccurate, insufficient, or inconsistent data or missing supporting documents.

5. SELECTION PROCESS

Stage 1: National Screening

The Fulbright Commission will review and select the valid applications. A peer review panel, nominated by the Commission, will assess candidates' academic and professional qualifications and the relevance of their program plan. An interview will be required by videoconference or phone for candidates approved by the review panel. The Fulbright Commission will nominate the selected candidates to be forwarded for further consideration in the International Screening.

Stage 2: International Screening

The Candidate Review Committee (CRC) evaluates the applications in an International Screening and sends them to the final approval by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

Preference will be given to candidates with no significant previous experience in the U.S. Priority will be given for all qualified individuals, including underrepresented groups. This may include, but is not limited to women, persons with disabilities, persons of lower socioeconomic status, and individuals from less developed regions or socioeconomic sectors.

6. TIMETABLE

May 31, 2024	Send video through link at www.fulbright.org.br
May 31, 2024	Deadline for online applications submission
June 2024	Review of applications
July 2024	Interviews of candidates selected by the review panel
August 2024	Announcement of the selected candidates in the National Screening
August 2024	Candidates takes TOEFL-iBT tests if not available
From February to March 2025	Announcement of the selected candidates in the International Screening
April 2025	Start of the English Program in the U.S; for Long Term English;
June 2025	Start of the English Program in the U.S, for Short Term English;
August 2025	Start of the Humphrey program in the U.S.

7. INFORMATION

Additional information about the "The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program":

- **Fulbright Commission:** www.fulbright.org.br
- **Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program:** <http://www.humphreyfellowship.org>
- **Contact:** humphrey@fulbright.org.br

APPENDIX 1

FIELD OF STUDY DESCRIPTIONS

SUSTAINABLE LANDS

- **Agricultural and Rural Development**

Suitable candidates include individuals from the public sector, non-governmental organizations, and businesses 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.

- **Natural Resources, Environmental Policy, and Climate Change**

Natural resource and environmental managers are appropriate candidates for this field. Policymakers working on the protection of natural resources, water quality, pollution control, land use, conservation, and environmental impact assessment also are 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 and can include: 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 and other related fields and topics.

RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS

- **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, foreign government officials, NGO activists, media specialists, and human rights activists are the most suitable candidates in this field. They may work in anti-trafficking, and/or in specialty law such as: constitutional, criminal, civil rights, business, alternative dispute resolution, international humanitarian, telecommunications, and other related specializations.

Individuals engaged in legal and judicial reform and the administration of justice also are appropriate candidates.

HUMAN AND INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY

- **Public Policy Analysis and Public Administration**

This field offers Fellows the opportunity to expand policy analysis and public management skills and equips them with the knowledge and experience to advance solutions to global challenges across diverse policy issues. Policy issues that past Fellows addressed have included: anti-corruption, cybersecurity and AI, institutional change and human resource management policies, leadership and financial management in public and non-profit organizations, poverty and inequality, gender, international development policies, and other related topics.

- **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.

THRIVING COMMUNITIES

- **Public Health Policy and Management**

Physicians, clinicians with management responsibilities, health educators, and other practitioners with management and policymaking responsibilities in this field are suitable candidates. Past Fellows' interests have included: contagious and infectious diseases and improving global health security, HIV/AIDS policy, treatment, and prevention, 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 to promote health education in their community or country, would be a better fit for the program.

- **Substance Abuse Education, Treatment and Prevention**

Candidates in this field may be focused on consequences or treatment 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, prevention or intervention programs, hospitals, criminal justice settings and local or national policy agencies. Fellows in this field will have access to a strong university-based research program as well as contacts with community, state and national professionals and provider groups working in substance abuse. Humphrey Fellows who have a background and interest in research are also eligible to link more closely with the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), one of 27 research institutes and centers of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). All Fellows in the Substance Abuse field will be part of the joint programming offered by NIDA.

APPENDIX 2

HOST UNIVERSITIES

1. [American University, Washington College of Law](#): AUWCL is the only law school in the country hosting the program.
2023-2024 Fellows: <https://www.wcl.american.edu/impact/initiatives-programs/humphrey/intro-fellows/2023-2024/>
2. [Arizona State University](#): The Cronkite School is currently the only journalism school in the U.S. to host a Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship.
2023-2024 Fellows: <https://cronkite.asu.edu/global-initiatives/humphrey-journalism-program/fellows/>
3. [Boston University](#): The Questrom School of Business serves as the Program's administrative home at BU.
2023-2024 Fellows: <https://www.bu.edu/hhh/2023-24-hubert-h-humphrey-fellows/>
4. [Cornell University](#): At Cornell University, Humphrey Fellows are professionals in the fields of agriculture, environmental and natural resource management, biotechnology, and city and regional planning.
2023-2024 Fellows: <https://cals.cornell.edu/global-development/our-work/our-initiatives/hubert-h-humphrey-fellowship-program/humphrey-fellows-current-cohort>
5. [Emory University](#): Fellows at Emory University focus on epidemiology, health education, and public health policy and administration.
2023-2024 Fellows: <https://sph.emory.edu/departments/gh/fellows/humphrey-fellows/index.html#Current-Fellows>
6. [Massachusetts Institute of Technology](#): The Special Program for Urban and Regional Studies (SPURS) is a one-year, non-degree program designed for mid-career professionals from developing and newly industrializing countries.
2023-2024 Fellows: <https://dusp.mit.edu/visiting-fellows>
7. [Michigan State University](#): Humphrey Fellows at MSU have participated in a variety of areas of study and research, including business, economics, public policy, human resources, community sustainability, and law.
2023-2024 Fellows: <https://www.isp.msu.edu/international-centers-units/student-scholar-programs/humphrey-fellowship-program/profiles/>
8. [Pennsylvania State University](#): The PennState College of Education hosts Humphrey Fellows in the field of education.
2023-2024 Fellows: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/collections/3372c4ec439a4bf5a6613cf9b6817ab7>
9. [Syracuse University](#): The Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs is Syracuse University's home for innovative, interdisciplinary teaching and research in the social sciences, public policy, public administration, and international relations.
2023-2024 Fellows: <https://www.maxwell.syr.edu/about/partnerships/humphrey-program>
10. [University of California, Davis](#): UC Davis offers professional development for fellows in agricultural and rural development, natural resources management and environmental science.
2023-2024 Fellows: <https://globalaffairs.ucdavis.edu/humphrey/fellows>
11. [University of Minnesota](#): The Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota is home for Human Rights, Public Policy Analysis and Public Administration; and Urban and Regional Planning fields.
2023-2024 Fellows: https://www.hhh.umn.edu/fellowships-and-professional-development/international-fellows/alumni?field_fellowship_year_target_id=1411&field_country_value=All&field_first_name_value=&field_last_name_value=
12. [Vanderbilt University](#): The Peabody College at the Vanderbilt University hosts Humphrey Fellows in the field of education.

2023-2024 Fellows: https://cdn.vanderbilt.edu/vu-sub/wp-content/uploads/sites/280/2023/09/21201835/Appendix-X_-Humphrey-Fellowship-Brochure-22-23.pdf

13. [Virginia Commonwealth University](#): The VCU Humphrey Fellowship Program, located in the Department of Psychology, focuses on a broad range of health problems with an emphasis on understanding the behavioral, psychological, social and cultural factors that affect people's health, and the use of behavior change interventions to promote positive health outcomes. Specific health problems addressed may include alcohol, drug and tobacco use, HIV/AIDS, mental health, developmental disabilities, obesity, violence, and eating disorders, among others. The program emphasizes the use of culturally appropriate, science-based prevention, treatment and policy interventions.

2023-2024 Fellows: <https://humphrey.vcu.edu/humphrey-fellows/>