

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS – CYCLE 2026-2027**  
**PROGRAMS FOR BRAZILIAN CITIZENS**  
**THE HUBERT H. HUMPHREY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM**

**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. An English Training (ET) may be offered to selected candidates for improving language skills at the Commission's sole discretion. ET participants will be brought to the United States for an intensive 12-week pre-academic program to improve their language skills before transitioning to the academic year.

## **1. ELIGIBILITY**

Only Brazilians residing in Brazil during the application and the selection process are eligible. Dual Brazilian/U.S. citizens are not 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 requirements. **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. **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.

### **1.1 Eligible Fields of Study**

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

- I. Human and Institutional Development: Public Policy Analysis and Public Administration; Technology Policy and Management
- II. Rights and Freedoms: Communications/Journalism; Law and Human Rights; Trafficking in Persons Policy and Prevention
- III. Sustainable Lands: Agricultural and Rural Development; Natural Resources and Environmental Policy; Urban and Regional Planning
- IV. Thriving Communities: Public Health Policy and Management; Substance Abuse Education and Policy

## **2. FUNDING**

The Humphrey Fellowship provides:

- Maintenance stipend (depends on U.S location).
- Settling-in, books allowance, computer subsidy, tuition, and fees.
- International round-trip air ticket
- 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.
- English Training (ET) program, when applicable.

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. The decision to bring dependents should be made with careful consideration of the high cost of living in the United States and the absence of additional financial support.**

### 3. 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**:

- **Brazilian passport ID:** 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:** no more than three pages in English;
- **Academic history:** transcripts and diplomas both **in Portuguese** from undergraduate and graduate studies, when applicable.
- **Language skills:** All candidates must demonstrate English proficiency by submitting a valid **English Language Assessment Form**, completed in 2024 or later, to be filled out by a professor of English as a Foreign Language who is a native English speaker, or by the director of English courses at a Binational Center.
- **Essay questions:** Answer all questions in English that 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. **Note: Plagiarism will result in disqualification from participating in the program**
- **Two letters of recommendation** in English, one of which must be from the candidate's immediate supervisor in his/her current position.
- **A thirty-second video:** record a thirty-second video in English in MP4 format and send it 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 fits 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.

### 4. 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.

### 5. TIMELINE

- **July 6, 2025:** Deadline for online application submissions and for sending video through [www.fulbright.org.br](http://www.fulbright.org.br)
- **August 2025:** Interviews and results of stage 1 of the selection process
- **September 2025:** Candidates finalize documentation, and, if unavailable, candidates take the TOEFL-iBT tests.
- **March 2026:** Announcement of the results of stage 1 of the selection process
- **May/August 2026:** Start of activities in the US.

### 6. INFORMATION

Grantees must complete their Fulbright grant in the academic program specified in the grant document. Grant dates and funding amounts stated in the document are subject to change. Prospective Fulbright participants should be aware that public health conditions, availability of consular services and travel, as well as U.S. institutional operating status and policies, may affect their ability to travel to the U.S. and participate in academic programs. The grant is activated only if the grantee can obtain a passport, J-1 visa, and enter the United States to start the academic program outlined in the grant document.

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

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

## APPENDIX 1

### FIELD OF STUDY DESCRIPTIONS

#### **SUSTAINABLE LANDS**

- **Agricultural and Rural Development**

Humphrey Fellows develop best practices and share knowledge in the field of agriculture and food system development to improve agricultural and rural development in their countries, fostering more resilient global food systems.

- **Natural Resources and Environmental Policy**

Humphrey Fellows work as policy makers and practitioners across multiple disciplines to mitigate the impacts of extreme weather events and manage natural and environmental resources effectively.

- **Urban and Regional Planning**

Humphrey Fellows work as architects, engineers, planners, urban designers, urban economists and sociologists, and historic preservation specialists in fields such as land use and urban finance management, to advance their country's urban and regional planning development.

#### **RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS**

- **Communications/Journalism**

Humphrey Fellows work in media and communications fields, such as investigative journalism, public broadcasting, and public relations, to foster and facilitate press freedom and transparent media in their countries.

- **Law and Human Rights**

Humphrey Fellows work as attorneys, judges, and in the non-governmental sector to advance the rule of law and protect individual freedoms.

#### **HUMAN AND INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY**

- **Public Policy Analysis and Public Administration**

Humphrey Fellows serve in a range of capacities, such as health policymakers, physicians, clinicians with management responsibilities, health educators, and practitioners with policy-making responsibilities, that promote public health education and effective public health policies and management in their communities and countries.

- **Technology Policy and Management**

Humphrey Fellows serve as technology educators, chief information officers, policy advisors, engineers, and urban planners. They formulate technology policy and manage scientific and technological change at local, regional, and national levels.

#### **THRIVING COMMUNITIES**

- **Public Health Policy and Management**

Humphrey Fellows serve in a range of capacities, such as health policymakers, physicians, clinicians with management responsibilities, health educators, and practitioners with policy-making responsibilities, that promote public health education and effective public health policies and management in their communities and countries.

- **Substance Abuse Education and Policy**

Humphrey Fellows work in specialized areas such as community-based treatment and prevention programs, hospitals, and local or national policy agencies, that focus 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.

## APPENDIX 2

### HOST UNIVERSITIES

1. [American University, Washington College of Law](#): AUWCL is the only law school in the country hosting the program.
2. [Arizona State University](#): The Cronkite School is currently the only journalism school in the U.S. to host a Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship.
3. [Boston University](#): The Questrom School of Business serves as the Program's administrative home at BU.
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.
5. [Emory University](#): Fellows at Emory University focus on epidemiology, health education, and public health policy and administration.
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.
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.
8. [Pennsylvania State University](#): The Penn State College of Education hosts Humphrey Fellows in the field of education.
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.
10. [University of California, Davis](#): UC Davis offers professional development for fellows in agricultural and rural development, natural resources management and environmental science.
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.
12. [Vanderbilt University](#): The Peabody College at the Vanderbilt University hosts Humphrey Fellows in the field of education.
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.