



# Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program

U.S. Embassy Athens is pleased to announce the 2018-19 competition for the Humphrey Fellowship program. **Applications are due by midnight on Friday June 9, 2017.**

## Program Description

The Humphrey Fellowship is a 10-month, non-degree, full scholarship program offered to mid-career professionals. Fellows are selected based on their potential for leadership and their commitment to public service (in either the public or private sectors). They must be at a point in their careers where they can fully benefit from a self-defined program of independent study at a leading U.S. university. The program awards a certificate from the U.S. Government but is not designed to deliver an advanced degree.

During their year-long stay at a host American university, Humphrey Fellows are invited to take graduate courses relevant to their professional interests. However, as the Humphrey Fellowship is not a degree program, participants spend a considerable portion of their time engaged in professional development activities including: consultations and affiliations with U.S. faculty and experts, field trips, workshops, research projects, and developing practical, useful strategies that can be applied in the Fellows' home countries.

By providing future leaders with a shared experience of U.S. society and culture and current approaches to their chosen fields, the program aims to:

- Establish and enhance long-lasting, productive partnerships and relationships between U.S. citizens and individuals from other parts of the world;
- Develop leaders whose knowledge and skills have been informed by exposure to American values, models and ideas – leaders who will have a multiplier effect on their societies;
- Expand and improve the range of international exchange and training programs; and
- Increase U.S. citizens' knowledge and understanding of international issues and other cultures and societies.

## Program Funding

The program will be funded for one academic year pending a successful application for a J-1 Visa, receipt of medical clearance, and availability of funds.

The Humphrey Fellowship funding provides for:

- International travel,
- Tuition and university fees,
- Accident/health insurance,
- Monthly maintenance allowance, and
- Funds for books and professional activities.

The Humphrey Program does not provide financial support for accompanying family members or dependents. For further information about the program, please visit the program's official website at <http://www.humphreyfellowship.org>

## Fields of Study

Although the Humphrey program includes opportunities in other fields of study, U.S. Embassy Athens will only accept applications in the following areas:

### **Sustainable Development**

- Agricultural and Rural Development
- Economic Development
- Banking and Finance
- Natural Resources, Environmental Policy, and Climate Change
- Urban and Regional Planning

### **Public Health**

- Public Health Policy and Management
- HIV/AIDS Policy and Prevention
- Substance Abuse Education, Prevention, and Treatment

For detailed information on suitable candidates per field of study, please visit <https://www.humphreyfellowship.org/program-fields>.

### **Requirements for Applicants**

To be eligible for a Humphrey Fellowship, applicants must:

- Be between the ages of 28 and 45;
- Have Greek citizenship (or reside permanently in Greece);
- Have graduated from an accredited university or college and hold a Bachelor's degree or its equivalent;
- Have at least five years of substantial professional experience (prior to August 2017);
- Show leadership ability and broadly defined commitment to public service;
- Have limited or no prior experience in the United States;
- Be proficient in English with a minimum paper-based TOEFL score of 525 (U.S. Embassy Athens-selected finalists will be given instructions on how to apply for the TOEFL exam in August 2017); and
- Be committed to returning to their home country after completing the program.

Candidates ineligible for consideration include: recent university graduates (even if they hold significant positions); university teachers with no management or policy responsibilities, except for specialists in drug abuse prevention and treatment; individuals who have attended a graduate school in the U.S. for one academic year or more during the seven years prior to the date of application; and individuals with recent U.S. educational or work experience (more than six months during the five years prior to the date of application).

Humphrey Fellowships are highly competitive, and applicants must fulfill all the eligibility criteria outlined above.

### **Online Application Process**

**Interested applicants must complete the online application at <https://iie.embark.com/apply/humphreyfellowship> by midnight on Friday June 9, 2017**

Note that, during the online application process, you'll be asked to submit:

- (a) A personal statement describing why you want to apply for this program;
- (b) A program plan describing your academic goals;
- (c) Two letters of recommendation – one from your current employer and one from a professional mentor or associate outside your current work setting (uploaded to the system directly by the recommender or scanned and emailed to [AthensExchanges@state.gov](mailto:AthensExchanges@state.gov)); and
- (d) Your most recent test scores for TOEFL. If you don't have these, you can still apply—the Embassy will arrange testing for you if you are selected as one of the final candidates.

#### Tips for the Application Process:

- In using the online application system, you'll first need to register by creating a user name and password, then proceed as prompted by the application.
- Save your data after completing each page. You will be able to log off and return to your application later if you need to complete it over several sittings.
- After you log in again and enter the application, completed sections will have green arrows and sections.
- All applicants will be able to send online requests for recommendation letters and the English assessment forms to their recommenders.
- Please submit your online application ONLY when all information is complete and the supplementary documents are obtained. Once you submit your application, you will not have access to it and will not be able to view it.
- Only online applications will be considered.

#### Specifics of the Embark Web-Based Application System

You will be asked to check your eligibility with the U.S. Embassy before starting the application in Embark. Note that the system will also request mailing supplementary forms to the Embassy. **Please do not mail any hard copy documents to the Embassy.** Instead, upload into Embark any additional document which you would like to be included in your application. Also, there is no need to contact the Embassy prior to starting your application.

#### **Selection Process Timeline**

June 9 (midnight)	Deadline to submit an online application in Embark.
Mid-June	Candidates' pre-selection process by U.S. Embassy Athens. Ineligible candidates will not be considered. Eligible candidates who have been selected as finalists will be asked to take part in an interview (either in person or via Skype).
Late-June/early July	Humphrey finalists interviews by the U.S. Embassy Athens Humphrey Fellowship Selection Committee.

By July 15	Selected candidates are notified and register for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) which must be taken by September 30, 2017.
October 1	Deadline for U.S Embassy Athens to submit nominations to the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.
February 2018	Approval of candidates by J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board and public announcement of awards of Fellowships.
July-August 2018	Fellowships begin.

### **Visas**

To ensure that the country continues to receive the benefits of this exchange program and meet U.S. visa requirements, visitors under an exchange program are required to return to and remain in Greece for a minimum period of two years after the completion of their programs.

### **Additional Information**

#### **Public Humphrey Program Website**

Information on applying to the program, eligible countries, etc.

<https://humphreyfellowship.org/>

#### **Online Application for Humphrey**

<https://iie.embark.com/apply/humphreyfellowship>

#### **Information about the TOEFL**

Testing dates, registration, preparation materials

<http://www.ets.org/toefl>

#### **Humphrey Program Facebook page**

<https://www.facebook.com/HumphreyFellowship>

#### **Humphrey Program YouTube page**

Includes interviews with program alumni

<http://www.youtube.com/user/HumphreyFellowship>

#### **Humphrey Program LinkedIn page**

Offers field-specific groups for participants to share professional development experiences and resources with each other

[http://www.linkedin.com/groups/Hubert-H-Humphrey-Fellowship-Program-4060066?home=&gid=4060066&trk=anet\\_ug](http://www.linkedin.com/groups/Hubert-H-Humphrey-Fellowship-Program-4060066?home=&gid=4060066&trk=anet_ug)

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