

AY2024-2025 Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program

Essay Questions Section of the Online Application

The application link to the AY2024-2025 program cycle will be available in April 2023. Until the link is available, applicants are advised to use this time to prepare their answers for the Essay Questions Section which is the most important part of the application.

Take your time to answer each question carefully and sufficiently, bearing in mind that all questions have a character limit as written below. Read the questions well and take your time to think about them. Review your answers for any spelling or grammatical mistakes. Avoid repeating the same answer in different questions.

Responses should be drafted and completed by the applicant. They should provide detailed information about the candidate's plans for professional development and how they relate to the candidate's goals and Egypt's needs. Independent review panelists rely heavily on the proposed program plan in evaluating the candidate's communication skills, his/her understanding of the Humphrey program, and the candidate's need for it. Humphrey fellows come from diverse fields, institutions, and backgrounds. However, whether they come from public, private or non-governmental institutions, successful Humphrey candidates have consistently demonstrated a genuine and sustained commitment to public service and have clearly articulated this within their applications. Humphrey fellows also have a clear program plan for their time on the fellowship in the U.S., as well as how their Humphrey program experiences will benefit their field, their home institution, and their country upon return.

Important: The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program seeks applicants that have developed a sense of personal integrity and are original thinkers. Copying someone else's writing, whether from the internet, from a book or from a friend is considered **plagiarism**. Any quoted words or sentences should include a citation. An applicant who is found to have plagiarized in any form (including unintentional or accidental plagiarism) in his or her application will be disqualified. For further information about plagiarism and citation, please click on the following link: <https://fulbright-egypt.org/resources/>

Essay questions for all fields

Leadership

Humphrey Fellows are leaders who make contributions in their fields that advance their communities and countries. Please describe how your work addresses the short and long-term needs of your country. Describe how the knowledge and skills you will gain through the Humphrey Fellowship will help you further address your country's needs. Be as specific as possible. (1200 characters)

Useful Tips:

- Clarify how your work directly impacts the development of your field in Egypt. Provide concrete examples to support your points whenever possible. Focus on the most impactful aspects of your job.
- Highlight some of your experiences that you feel best explain your contribution to the field. Beware that due to character limit, you will not be able to include everything that you do, so use the space wisely.
- Explain how you can benefit from the Humphrey Fellowship and how you will use the new skills and experiences you will learn in the U.S. to further support the development of your field and address its needs.

Goals and Program Plan

Humphrey Fellows are required to take initiative to build a program plan by choosing academic and professional experiences that will help them achieve their professional goals. Please describe your professional goals for the next five years, provide details about the academic and professional experiences that you would choose when designing your Humphrey Fellowship, and explain how these experiences will help you achieve your goals. (2000 characters)

Useful Tips:

- This question focuses on activities, courses, meeting, internships and other professional engagements during the Humphrey Program in the U.S. Based on this, applicants are asked to provide here a program plan that outlines the activities they want to participate in during the Fellowship in terms of academic courses that they want to attend, conferences, workshops, field trips to institutions in the field, meetings with experts, and finally an internship at a U.S. institution.
- If you have already identified coursework that you want to attend or experts that you want to meet with, please note them here.
- Outline your professional goals for the next five years and explain how the Humphrey activities that you have identified will impact your professional goals upon your return.
- Be as specific as possible. For example, identify the sub areas of specialization that you are interested in within your major field and provide examples whenever possible.

Public Service

The Humphrey Fellowship focuses on public service and developing leaders who contribute to the greater good. Please describe how you have demonstrated a strong commitment to public service, for example through community engagement, civic involvement, or professional responsibilities. (1200 characters)

Useful Tips:

- Humphrey Fellows are often leaders in their communities who have shown a sustained commitment to public service. When answering this question, please note that public service can be interpreted broadly to encompass your professional career, your field of specialization, and/or your service to your community and include a wide range of activities.
- Highlight the areas where you feel you have demonstrated commitment to public service. Explain through concrete examples if you are passionate about a certain area or cause that you feel is important to the development and good of your community.
- With regards to your professional career, identify how your work addresses an important cause(s) in society. Explain why this cause is important and how your professional efforts are helping this cause.

Challenge Statement

Describe a problem or challenging situation that you took initiative to resolve. What steps did you take? What was the outcome? Please select an example that illustrates something that you want the review panel to know about your problem-solving skills, leadership abilities, and/or commitment to public service. (2400 characters)

Useful Tips:

- Tell a story that best highlights your professional and personal skills, leadership, flexibility, and creativity.
- Show how you were able to manage a crisis or lead a team.
- Highlight your commitment to your home institution and serving your field.
- Make sure that the way you narrate your story highlights your leadership abilities and show that you have a vision in dealing with challenges that come your way.

Additional essay questions for Substance Abuse Education, Treatment and Prevention field

- Briefly describe what you know about current substance abuse problems in your country. (1200 characters)
- Briefly describe recent substance abuse research project(s) in which you have been engaged, the extent of your role in these project(s) and list any publications in connection with research work that you have done. (1200 characters)
- Briefly describe an area of substance abuse research that you would like to pursue based on the needs in your country. (1200 characters)