



Applications deadline: August 15, 2021.

The Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy in Belgrade is pleased to announce that we are now accepting applications from citizens of Serbia for participation in the prestigious Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program for the 2022-23 academic year. This is a competitive, worldwide competition. If you are interested in broadening your perspectives, becoming a global leader, and giving back to Serbian society upon your return, the Humphrey Fellowship is for you.

The Humphrey Program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State with funding provided by the U.S. Government and supported in its implementation by the Institute of International Education. Over 6,000 Fellows representing 162 countries have participated in the program since its inception in 1978. That has included 20 Serbians in the past decade.

Successful candidates are accomplished, young, mid-career professionals in leadership positions who have a demonstrated commitment to public service and have the potential for further advancement in their fields. Candidates should be interested in strengthening their leadership skills through a mutual exchange of knowledge and views with the Americans and with Fellows from other countries they meet during this program about issues of common concern. Practical experience in the U.S. gained through this program, plus greater familiarity with American society and culture, will provide Humphrey Fellows with the basis for lasting, productive ties with their American counterparts in the years to come.

PROFESSIONAL FIELDS

The Humphrey Fellowship is granted competitively to public and private sector candidates from Serbia with strong leadership potential and a commitment to service who are focused on the following fields:

- **Economic Development.**
- **Finance & Banking.**
- **Public Policy Analysis and Public Administration.**
- **Technology Policy and Management.**
- **Law and Human Rights.**
- **Trafficking in Persons Policy & Prevention.**
- **Agricultural and Rural Development.**

- Proficiency* in written and spoken English. Candidates will normally have a Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of 525 (paper-based) or 71 (internet-based). If you have taken a TOEFL exams in the past, scores are valid for two years. The TOEFL exam is not a requirement at the time of application. Candidates who pass the interview will receive the instructions how to register for the TOEFL exam.

* **Note:** In addition to the pre-academic language training traditionally available to all selected candidates, the Humphrey Program offers Long-Term English (LTE) language training opportunities to facilitate participation of individuals who might lack sufficiently advanced English language skills at the time of application. Candidates for LTE typically have TOEFL scores in the 440-500 range (paper-based test) or 42-61 (internet-based test). LTE participants will travel to the U.S early for intensive language training lasting 20-25 weeks to improve their English skills before transitioning to their host university campuses at the start of the 2020-21 academic year.

Please be aware that the following individuals are ineligible to apply for the Humphrey Program:

- Recent university graduates (even if they now hold significant positions in their organizations);
- University teachers or academic researchers with no management responsibilities;
- Individuals who have attended a graduate school in the United States for one academic year or more during the seven years prior to August 2022;
- Individuals with U.S. in-country experience of any kind lasting more than six months during the five years prior to August 2022;
- Individuals with dual U.S. citizenship or U.S. permanent resident status may not apply to the program; they are ineligible for a J visa;
- Local employees of U.S. Missions abroad who work for the U.S. Department of State and members of their families as well as individuals who work for or are otherwise associated with an organization that is responsible for nominating or selecting individuals for participation in any Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) exchange program are ineligible for grants during the period of their employment and for one year following the termination of employment.

Priority will be given to candidates with no recent experiences in a third country, especially in a developed country.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

Beyond demonstrating the required experience, skills, and a commitment to public service, candidates will also need to explain through the application process how they might benefit from the unique opportunities offered in the Humphrey Program. The key questions to answer are: Why exactly do you need this experience at this point in your career? How exactly will you and how will Serbia benefit from your participation in this program?

Applications are due **August 15, 2021**. Information on how to apply is below.

For additional information about the Hubert Humphrey Fellowship:

The Hubert Humphrey Fellowship program is administered by the Institute of International Education (www.iie.org).

For more information on the Hubert Humphrey Fellowship program, you can visit:

- the Humphrey Program website:: www.humphreyfellowship.org
- the Humphrey Program's social media platforms:
 - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/HumphreyFellowship>
 - Twitter: <https://twitter.com/HumphreyProgram>,
 - Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/humphreyfellowship/>
- Humphrey Program's LinkedIn account: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/hubert-h-humphrey-fellowship-program/>
- ECA's International Exchange website: <https://exchanges.state.gov/non-us/program/hubert-h-humphrey-fellowship-program>

If you have further questions, please contact U.S. Embassy Belgrade's Public Affairs Section (PAS) via email at belgradehumphrey@state.gov or by telephone at 011/706-4263. (Note: Email is a better option, however, since PAS staff are sometimes teleworking.)