

Sponsor/Title: Department of State (DOS) - FY 2027 Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program

External Link: <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/361457>

Funding Opportunity Number: DFOP0017910

Submission Limitation per Institution: One (1)

Notre Dame Limited Submissions Listing:

<https://research.nd.edu/our-services/funding-opportunities/faculty/limited-submissions-program/>

Internal Expression of Interest Deadline: 2026-04-01

Sponsor Application Deadline: 2026-05-18

Purpose: The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program was established in 1978 to advance U.S. foreign policy goals through the exchange of influential mid-career professionals representing over 100 eligible countries from all world regions. Humphrey Fellows and alumni develop expertise in fields critical to U.S. foreign policy and gain direct experience with American institutions, standards, and perspectives. They use this knowledge to shape national policy, promote stability, and foster long-term cooperation with the United States. Through targeted recruitment and professional development, the program advances Mission priorities and builds a global network of U.S.-trained leaders who serve as strong allies in furthering U.S. interests abroad.

Program Specific Guidelines: The recipient should note the following special considerations for the academic year Humphrey Fellowship and shorter-term DHFP program components below:

- **Academic Year Planning Expectations:**
 - *Program Planning:* Work collaboratively with ECA to finalize the composition of fields of study for Humphrey Fellowship cohorts. Fields should align with U.S. foreign policy goals, be flexible enough to respond to emerging priority areas, accommodate Fellows from multisectoral and multidisciplinary backgrounds, and facilitate interdisciplinary learning and collaboration.
 - *Candidate Recruitment and Selection:* Provide targeted recruitment resources and guidelines to assist U.S. embassies and Fulbright commissions in identifying and attracting highly qualified candidates in strategic fields of study. ECA will coordinate with Department regional bureaus on final country eligibility. Coordinate and implement candidate review committee meetings in accordance with program policies to ensure an efficient, transparent, and merit-based selection process. This includes recruiting external subject-matter experts to serve on review panels and maintaining engagement with these experts throughout the program cycle, as appropriate.
 - *Global Leadership Forum:* Plan and implement a two-day (excluding travel) Global Leadership Forum (GLF) in Washington, D.C. centered on intensive upskilling, leadership development, and professional and networking opportunities among Fellows and with their U.S. counterparts. In consultation with ECA, the GLF should also integrate thematic policy sessions that increase Fellows' understanding of U.S. foreign policy priorities, political processes, and institutions. ECA will approve potential concepts, themes, speakers, and final

agenda. ECA may direct that components need to be shifted to a hybrid or virtual model as applicable based on locale events or unforeseen circumstances.

- Short-Term Program Expectations:
 - *Program Planning*: Develop and implement two thematic DHFP programs (approximately 18 days). ECA will coordinate with Department regional bureaus on final country eligibility. In consultation and with approval from ECA, the recipient may propose to utilize remaining funds to support additional DHFPs on priority themes and/or maximize alumni programming during the period of the award.
 - *Specialized Professions Placements*: Ensure that the professional placements for the DHFP provide each participant with individualized professional development and strategic networking opportunities in the corporate, government, or non-profit sectors. Placements should facilitate professional meetings and network-building opportunities with American leaders. Placements should not be limited by geography and should include professional hosts located throughout the United States. In consultation with ECA and the host university, small group placements based on field of study and interests may be appropriate.

Internal Application Requirements: Upload the following information to the Google Form at <https://forms.gle/GxYBygD7GJhWr7Wc8> by the internal deadline:

- Name of the Principal Investigator (PI)
- Project Title
- All ND Collaborators:
 - For each ND Collaborator listed, include name, department or unit, and specific role for this project in three sentences (maximum).
- Project Summary: Three (3) pages (maximum) addressing the following Review Criteria as outlined on page 28, in the NOFO.
 - Quality of the Program Idea/ Program Planning
 - Institutional Capacity and Institution's Record/Ability
 - Multiplier Effect/Impact and Follow-on Activities
 - Performance Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E)

Questions: Contact Notre Dame Research Limited Submissions at limited@nd.edu.

All internal applications must be submitted by 12:00 Noon Eastern Time on the deadline for the internal expression of interest.

Applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.