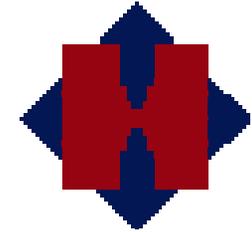


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The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program

The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program was initiated in 1978 by President Jimmy Carter to honor the late senator and vice president, a long-time advocate of international cooperation and understanding. The program brings accomplished mid-career professionals from designated countries of Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean, the Middle East, Europe, and Eurasia to the United States for one year of non-degree graduate study and related practical professional experience.

Fellowships are granted competitively to professional candidates with a commitment to public service in both the public and private sectors. Applications are made in the applicant's country where the first-level screenings are conducted. Fellows are nominated by the United States Embassy or Fulbright Commission, based on their potential for leadership. Final selection is made in the U.S. by a panel of experts and the J. William Fulbright Scholarship Board.

In the last 28 years, close to 3,500 professionals representing more than 120 countries have participated in the Humphrey Program. This year, 162 Humphrey Fellows from 96 different countries are spending the academic year, in groups of seven to 15, at 15 universities across the United States. UC Davis hosted the Humphrey Program from 1986 until 1996, and again since 2001. The UC Davis Humphrey Fellows will concentrate on agricultural development, environmental science, economics and law. In addition to the individual coursework, research, and co-curricular activities, a series of seminars on topics of mutual interest to the participants is offered to the Fellows, providing an opportunity to share new perspectives with U.S. colleagues and specialists. With the assistance of UC Davis faculty mentors, the Fellows undertake individualized programs of academic and professional development and leadership.

The Fellows also travel throughout the U.S. to visit public and private agencies related to their professional fields, attend meetings, and network with colleagues.

By providing these future leaders with a shared experience of U.S. society and culture and of current U.S. approaches to the fields in which they work, the Humphrey Program provides a basis for lasting ties between the citizens of the U.S. and their counterparts in other countries. The Humphrey Program fosters the exchange of knowledge and mutual understanding. The U.S. joins developing countries in a significant partnership through this program.

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Hubert H. Humphrey Fellows at UC Davis 2006-2007

Ms. Souhila Aouali

Head of Plant Pathology Laboratory
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Souhila Aouali holds a Master's Degree in Breeding Plants for Disease Resistance from the National Institute of Agricultural Sciences of Algiers. She taught plant ecology at the Institut National de la Formation Supérieure des Cadres de la Jeunesse of Algiers for two years (1998-2000). She also has over six years experience in the Technical Institute of Field Crops of Algiers as both Head of the Plant Pathology Laboratory and Local Program Coordinator for the development of organic agriculture of field crops. She has two years experience with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, where she has been serving as a national expert in the implementation of a technical cooperation program training field agents and farmers. Ms. Aouali has four years experience as a project member in distance learning course design and online tutoring with the Institute of Mediterranean Agriculture of Bari (Italy), working to create a Virtual University of Mediterranean Agricultural Sciences. During her Humphrey year, she plans to sharpen her knowledge and professional skills in integrated pest and crop management as well as sustainable farming systems and policies. While in the US, she hopes to work with United Nations and international organizations focusing on integrated crop and pest management projects.

Ms. Maria C. Forero

Corporate Lawyer
Bogotá, Colombia



Ms. Maria C. Forero is lawyer from the School of Law at Libre University, in Barranquilla, Colombia, and a member of the Colombian Bar Association since 1999. In 2000 she specialized in the field of Responsibility and Damage Compensation at Externado University, in Bogotá, Colombia, and in 2003 she obtained her certification as an official legal conciliator of the Colombian Ministry of Justice. She received her Master's Degree in European Business Law at Francisco de Vitoria University, in Madrid, Spain in 2005. For the last eight years, she has been working as a lawyer for private companies in fields such as civil law, commercial law, administrative law, environmental law, maritime law, contracts, torts, labor regulations, and other components of the Colombian Law. She also has experience in the public sector working for the High Court of Atlantic State. Since 1999, she has held the position of the Director of Legal Department of the Parque Industrial Malambo, the biggest industrial park in Colombia. She will study environmental law during her Humphrey year at UC Davis.

Mr. Elie Rene Gasore

Rice Breeder and Team Leader, Rice Research
Rwanda Agricultural Research Institute (ISAR)
Butare, Rwanda



Mr. Elie Rene Gasore received his Master's Degree (2000) in Applied Plant Genetics from Birmingham University (England) and a Bachelor Degree (1995) in General Agriculture from the University of Burundi. He has served for ISAR as a Scientist since August 1995.

For the last five years, he has worked as Rice Breeder and Rice Programme Team Leader at ISAR. His responsibility is to coordinate rice germplasm enhancement, testing and improved variety release in various rice ecosystems. He also supervises foundation seed production, training of rice cooperatives, technology transfer, partnership and resource mobilization and publication. In addition, he oversees research and technology dissemination activities of colleague scientists working on soil fertility management, water management, production economics, consumers' studies and post harvest operations. He would like to focus his training on integrated rice crop management, specifically the management of major rice diseases.

Mr. Thein Htun Hla

Rural Development Coordinator
Community Development for Remote Townships
United Nations Development Program
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Mr. Thein Htun Hla received his Bachelor's Degree in Veterinary Science from the University of Veterinary Science in Pyinmana, Myanmar. Expanding his technical expertise, he worked as a veterinary officer in the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department for four years. He is currently working as a Rural Development Coordinator for the Community Development for Remote Townships project, which is funded by UNDP. He works with women and economically disadvantaged groups in the development areas of agriculture, livestock, environment and microfinance, as well as the social sectors of health, education, water and sanitation in selected remote border townships. He designs project plans, implements and monitors the community initiative activities, and evaluates the project impact collaboration with government, community and stakeholders in order to promote sustainable development of the rural community in Myanmar. As a Humphrey Fellow, Mr. Hla will focus on project management, including project design, planning, monitoring and evaluation. He would also like to broaden his knowledge in the areas of women and gender studies and natural resource management.

Ms. Izabela Kurdusiewicz

Senior Specialist
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Ms. Kurdusiewicz received her Master's Degree in Landscape Architecture from the University of Agriculture in Warsaw, Poland, and her second Master's Degree in Environmental Engineering and Sustainable Infrastructure in the International Masters Program at the Technical University in Stockholm. For six years she has worked in the International Cooperation Department of the Polish Ministry of Environment and is involved in the development of national sustainable development policy and cooperation with United Nations Organizations. She was responsible for cooperation with the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development (UNCSD) and the United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP). Ms. Kurdusiewicz represented Poland in the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, in 2002, as a coordinator of the National Delegation. Ms. Kurdusiewicz will participate in university courses that relate to environmental policy, sustainable development policy and project management. She will consult with national, state, county, and municipal officials dealing with environmental issues, as she is interested in US national environmental policy and its international dimension.

Mr. Abdul Hakim Murad

Member of the Independent Election Commission
Kabul, Afghanistan



Abdul Hakim Murad is a Humphrey Fellow studying Environmental Management and Political Science. Mr. Murad holds a Bachelor's Degree in Plant Science from Kabul University and a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Preston University in Pakistan. Since 1981 he has worked for various Agricultural and Rural Development programs with the Government of Afghanistan, International Non-Governmental Organizations working in Afghanistan, and the United Nations. He worked as a Regional Coordinator of Central Region (Kabul & neighboring provinces) during the landmark Presidential Election in 2004. Appointed by the President of Afghanistan, he is currently a member of the Afghan Independent Election Commission at the national level. As a Humphrey Fellow, Mr. Murad will refine his skills in leadership, election planning, as well as environmental management. The Humphrey Fellowship will further advance his qualifications and experience in the area of his work and also bring opportunities to learn about election affairs in the United States.

Mr. Muhiddinjon Nurmatov

Districts Project Officer
Department of Agricultural Projects
CARE International in Tajikistan
Dushanbe, Tajikistan



Muhiddinjon Nurmatov received his qualification as an Agronomist from Tajikistan Agrarian University. He holds a Master's Degree in Agronomy. He has taught a variety classes related to fruit and vegetable production in Tajikistan. While working at the University, Mr. Nurmatov carried out independent research work entitled Biological and Physiological Characteristics of the Onion in the Winter Planting Season. From 1999 to 2006, he worked for an international organization, CARE, in Tajikistan. While working for CARE, Mr. Nurmatov took part in the implementation of three projects, devoted to increasing agricultural productivity by improving utilization of natural resources. Mr. Nurmatov will take courses in Agronomy as Humphrey Fellow at UC Davis, while also broadening his professional skills in other areas.

Mr. Mohamad Rahmoun

Senior National Program Coordinator
Department of Agriculture
Homs, Syria



Mr. Rahmoun graduated from Damascus University in 1980 as an Agronomist. He received his Master's Degree in Agricultural Economy, and his Ph.D. in farming systems from the University of Aleppo, Syria. He worked for seventeen years at the Agricultural Scientific Research Directorate (ASS RD) as a crops breeder and also as the Head of the Crops Department. He joined ICARDA for two years while studying for his Master's Degree. Mr. Rahmoun taught for ten years at various agricultural institutes. He currently works as the Deputy of Qualification and Training Department in the Agricultural Directorate in Homs Province since 2002. He has worked on many projects with ICARDA, SYMMIT, ICRISAT and MASHREQ MAGREB Project. Mr. Rahmoun has also worked as a socio-economist on a rural development project in Syria. He has attended many international conferences and published many papers. As a Humphrey Fellow, Mr. Rahmoun would like to learn about human and natural resource management, and also focus on international agricultural development and marketing.

Mr. Karim Sissoko

Communication and Information Officer
Initiative pour le Développement des Mils et Sorghos en Afrique de l'Ouest et du Centre
Sasakawa Global 2000
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Karim Sissoko holds a Master's Degree in Education from Ecole Normale Supérieure (ENSUP), the University of Mali. In 1999, after working several years for various private companies and organizations in Mali, Mr. Sissoko was interested in international non-profit organizations. He successfully changed careers with a strong involvement in rural development and food policy. From 2001 to 2004, he produced many studies including, *Mil et Sorgho en Chiffres* (Millet and Sorghum by Numbers) (2001), *Millet and Sorghum Utilization in Mali* (2002), *Repertoire des Transformateurs de Mil et Sorgho au Mali* (Directory of Millet and Sorghum Processors in Mali) (2004). Until recently, Mr. Sissoko was the Communication and Information Officer at Sasakawa Global 2000 (SG2000), an international NGO, established by the joint sponsorship of the *Japan Shipbuilding Foundation* and the *Global 2000/ Carter Center*. As a Humphrey Fellow, Mr. Sissoko is currently focusing on Agricultural Economics at UC Davis, with an interest in food policy and agricultural market development.