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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.

University Outreach and International Programs

Established in 1998, the Vice-Provost Office of University Outreach and International Programs (UOIP) provides campus leadership and coordination for two increasingly important academic program areas: continuing and life-long learning, and international research and educational activities. The mission of UOIP is to facilitate, coordinate, stimulate and provide leadership for the UC Davis faculty, students, and staff to pursue educational outreach and international programs and activities. The office has primary responsibility for all international institutional cooperative agreements and official international visits, Services for International Students and Scholars (in conjunction with the Office of Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs), the Summer Sessions and University Extension International Programs. It also works collaboratively with many other international programs on campus such as the Education Abroad Center, Internships and Career Center, and the colleges’ international programs. University Outreach and International Programs, International Programs Office of the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, and University Extension, jointly administer the Humphrey Fellowship Program.

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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 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 as an advisor and Quality Assurance 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 disease research. She received her Master’s Degree in Plant Breeding from the Institute of Agronomic Research in Algeria and was involved in research projects for IQA. 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 pest and crop management projects.

Ms. Maria C. Forero
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Ms. Maria C. Forero is lawyer from the Private Law at the Libre University, in Barranquilla, Colombia, and a member of the Chambers of Her Association for 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 Business European Law at Francisco de Vitoria University, in Madrid, Spain in 2005. For the last eight years, she has been practicing as a lawyer before private companies in fields such as civil law, commercial law, administrative law, environmental law, maritime law, contracts, torts, labor regulations, and other matters under the Colombian Law. She also has experience in the public sector working for the High Court of Atlantic State. She has also received the post of the Director of Legal Department of the Parque Industrial Matambo, 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
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Mr. Elie Rene Gasore received his Bachelor’s Degree in Veterinary Science from the University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences in Pyinmara, Myanmar. Expanding his technical expertise, he worked as a veterinary officer at the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department for four years. He is currently working as a Rice Breeder and Team Leader at the Community Development for Remote Townships United Nations Development Program Yangon, Myanmar.

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Mr. Thein Htun Hla received his Bachelor’s Degree in Veterinary Science from the University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences in Pyinmara, Myanmar. Expanding his technical expertise, he worked as a veterinary officer at 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 United Nations Development Program Yangon, Myanmar. He holds a Master’s Degree in Agriculture. He has taught a variety of courses on livestock and vegetable production in Tajikistan. While working at the University, Mr. Nurmatov worked for CARE. His 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
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Mr. Mohamad Rahmoun graduated from Damascus University in 1980 as an Agronomist. He received his Master’s Degree in Agricultural Economic, 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 CARDA for two years while studying for his Master’s Degree. Mr. Rahmoun taught for ten years at various agricultural institutes. He became the Delegate of Qualification and Training Department in the Agricultural Directorate in Homs Province since 2002. He has worked on many projects with ICARDA, SYMMET, ICIRASAT and MASHRE MgREB 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 sustainable natural resource management, and also focus on international agricultural development and marketing.

Mr. Karim Sissoko
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Mr. 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 profit and non-profit 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 undertook many studies including, Millet et Sorgho au Mali (2001), Miti et Sorghum Utilization in Mali (2002), Recherche des Transferteurs de Mil et Sorgho au Mali (2001), Millet and Sorghum Processors in Mali (2004). Until recently, Mr. Sissoko was the Communication and Information Officer at Sassyaka 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.