

Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program 2021-2022

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The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program was initiated in 1978 to honor the late Senator and Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey and his life-long commitment to international cooperation and public service.

The program brings accomplished young and midcareer professionals from designated developing nations and emerging democracies to the United States for a year of professional development, academic study, and cultural exchange. The people-to-people approach to international understanding provides a basis for lasting ties between U.S. citizens and their professional counterparts in other countries. It also strengthens the global exchange of knowledge and experience essential to a sustainable world. Fellowships are granted competitively to professional candidates with a commitment to public service.

The Humphrey Fellowship Program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State with funding provided by the U.S. Government and administered by the Institute for International Education. This year's program includes more than 160 fellows from more than 95 countries hosted by 13 universities throughout the United States.

The ethos of these Fellows is echoed in the halls of the Maxwell School, where a section of the Athenian Oath serves as inspiration:

"We will transmit this city not only not less, but greater, better, and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us."



Program Goals:

- Enable each fellow to develop a program that fosters professional growth, preparing them the fellow for leadership roles in their country
- Provide a rich exchange of information among fellows, host families, community members, and students and faculty at the Maxwell School
- Help fellows understand U.S. cultural, political, legal, and economic systems

Meet the Fellows

Marien Alvarado Franco

Guatemala



Marien Alvarado Franco is an expert in project and process management and was most recently high impact projects specialist in the Finance Ministry of Guatemala. She also worked in academia and civil society. Her areas of interest as Humphrey fellow include digital transformation, technology for transparency, and data science for policies. After her Humphrey fellowship, Marien seeks to work on the improvement of services delivered to Guatemalan citizens by combining process improvements with innovation and digital transformation to strengthen institutions and increase transparency. She earned a master's degree in humanitarian action from the Deusto University of Spain, a master's degree in industrial administration and service industries from the University of San Carlos de Guatemala, and a diploma in public management from Universidad de Chile.

Sunghae Cho

South Korea



Sunghae Cho is an Assistant Officer for the Defense Acquisition Program Administration (DAPA). During her Humphrey fellowship, she seeks to expand her skills in strategic planning, public management, and in areas of national security including mutually beneficial collaboration. After her Humphrey fellowship, Sunghae plans to continue her career at DAPA as a program manager assisting and overseeing public policy. She earned a master's in public administration from Yonsei University in Seoul and a bachelor's in chemical science and engineering from Inha University in Incheon.

Dramane Chabi Bouko

Benin



Dramane Chabi Bouko is a lecturer in international relations, peace, security, and geopolitical studies with a specific focus on Africa and China at the University of Parakou, Benin. He also works as a volunteer research analyst with regional and international NGOs on preventive diplomacy and small arms control. During his Humphrey year, Dramane plans to focus his research on regional African organizations and United Nations Program of Action (UNPoA) in the area of small arms control. After the Humphrey program, he intends to use these skills to become an international expert on peace studies and small arms control. Dramane earned a PhD in international relations from Central China Normal University and a master's in international relations from Wuhan University, China.

Wendpanga Dipama

Burkina Faso



Mr. Wendpanga Dipama works for Burkina Faso Ministry of Defense as the Training Director of the Armed Forces Military Academy. His interests include leadership development, national security, and counterterrorism. On return to his country, Dipama's goal is to improve the existing training curriculum in his organization and contribute to the National Center for Strategic Studies. He earned a master's degree in defense and international politics from the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration and a master's degree in defense and security from the French Institute for International and Strategic Affairs in Paris.

Juan Gowland

Argentina



Juan Gowland is the Senior Manager at PwC in the digital advisory area. During his fellowship year, he wishes to expand his knowledge in public-private partnerships to foster digital transformation. Following the Humphrey fellowship, his goal is to earn a leading position in Argentina's digital transformation agenda and contribute through the

design of policy to reduce digital illiteracy to boost education and youth employment. Juan earned a master's public policy from Universidad Austral in Buenos Aires and a bachelor's in political science from Universidad de San Andres in San Fernando, Argentina.



Mphatso Gunda

Malawi



Mphatso Gunda is a Principal Systems Analyst at the Parliament of Malawi, responsible for continuous improvement of Parliamentary ICT systems that enhance accountability and transparency. She also ensures that members of Parliament are conversant and up to date with technological trends and policies. As a Humphrey fellow, Mphatso's interests include technology policy, policy analysis, and implementation. She seeks to learn best practices in public policy processes and understanding policy analysis in the technological space. After the fellowship, Mphatso will apply these skills to effectively research and advise Parliamentary committees on ICT policies to help her country attain sustainable goals.

Fawad Hassan

Pakistan



Fawad Hassan is a civil servant currently working at the Ministry of Commerce in the Government of Pakistan. During his Humphrey fellowship, he is interested in unfolding the dilemma of how public policies influence the pattern of growth and development in various parts of the world and explore how some economies converged with industrialized economies while others maintained an erratic and sporadic growth performance. After his fellowship, Fawad aspires to implement his knowledge in introducing the latest quantitative/qualitative techniques and advanced methodologies in the policy formulation of Pakistan. He was a Chevening Scholar and earned a master's in the political economy of late development from the London School of Economics and Political Science and a master's degree in development studies from the Institute of Management Sciences, Pakistan.

Aleksei Karnaukhov

Russia



Aleksei Karnaukhov is the Director of the Anti-Corruption Policy Center at the Russian United Democratic Party Yabloko and a representative on the Council of the Khamovniki Municipal District of Moscow (2017-2022). During his Humphrey fellowship, he seeks to learn about public administration, anti-corruption of politics, lobbying, effective public decision-making, and the

use of AI to prevent and investigate corruption. After his fellowship, Aleksei wants to prepare draft laws for his party to promote public integrity and fight corruption in his country. He also plans to summarize his experiences in a dissertation in a PhD program. Aleksei earned a master's in law from the Higher School of Economics at National Research University in Moscow and a bachelor's in law from Orel State University.

Ahmad Noor

Pakistan



Ahmad Noor is a civil servant currently posted in the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Government of Pakistan. He coordinates with bilateral development partners USA/USAID, Australia, and Canada for planning, arrangement, and utilization of economic assistance in different development projects. During his Humphrey Fellowship, Ahmad is interested in enhancing his academic knowledge, practical experience, and administrative skills in public policy and public administration with a special focus on sustainable development, international development cooperation, and post-conflict reconstruction. After the Humphrey Program, he intends to utilize his expertise in addressing the development needs of Pakistan and the socio-economic uplift of the former Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA). Ahmad earned a bachelor's in political science from Government College University Lahore.

Burhan Rasool

Pakistan



Burhan Rasool is an e-Governance expert with the Government of Punjab since 2011 and was most recently General Manager, Punjab IT Board. He is also a member of Prime Minister of Pakistan's Task Force on Institutional Reforms & Austerity. He has been deeply involved in delivering and rollout of over 250 projects and technology initiatives, all developed in-house under his command. His interests include public policy, smart cities, cybersecurity, big data analytics, and technology policy. Following his Humphrey fellowship, Burhan hopes to build his credentials as a technocrat and work towards spearheading the digital transformation journey of Pakistan. He earned a master's in software project management from the National University of Computer and Emerging Sciences in Islamabad.

Khalisa Shahverdiyeva

Azerbaijan



Khalisa Shahverdiyeva is a senior consultant at the UN Office in Azerbaijan. Her interests include public policy, gender policy, gender-responsive climate policy. After her fellowship, Khalisa hopes to influence public policy in Azerbaijan and advocate for changes at the state level for gender inequalities. She also hopes to become a regional expert on gender policy and provide expertise to local governments and international organizations in gender policy, including gender-responsive environment policy. Khalisa earned an LLM in Public International Law and Human Rights from Riga Graduate School of Law in Latvia.

The Maxwell School

Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs was the first in the nation to offer graduate professional education in public administration, beginning in 1924, and the program has been unwaveringly strong since. In an arrangement that is unique among major colleges and universities, Maxwell is also home to Syracuse University's scholarly programs in the social sciences. This co-mingling with Maxwell's professional degrees creates compounding benefits for students and faculty members. Scholarly research is tested by the "real world" perspective of the professional programs.

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