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Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship 2027

The Royal Civil Service Commission (RCSC) is pleased to announce the availability of up to five non-degree Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowships (contingent on funding) for the 2027–2028 academic year. The fellowships are awarded by the Government of the United States through the Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA).

1. Fields of Study

- Communication and Journalism
- Law and Governance
- Natural Resources Policy
- Public and Economic Policy
- Public Health Policy and Management
- Technology Policy and Management

2. Eligibility Criteria:

Applicants must:

- Be mid-career professionals in leadership positions with a strong commitment to public service and demonstrated potential for advancement.
- Have at least five years of full-time professional experience (prior to August 2026), obtained after completing a first university degree, preferably in a relevant field with policy engagement.
- Have completed a four-year bachelor’s degree or equivalent qualifying for U.S. graduate study.
- Be proficient in English (minimum TOEFL score: 525 paper-based or 72 internet-based test). Applicants with lower scores may still be considered for long-term English language training.

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3. Ineligibility criteria:

The following individuals are not eligible:

- Those without a first university degree.
- Those with less than five years of full-time professional experience after completing a bachelor’s degree (prior to August 2026).
- Those who have studied in the U.S. for one academic year or more within the past seven years (prior to August 2026).
- Those with more than six months of U.S. experience within the past five years.
- Dual U.S. citizens or U.S. permanent residents.

4. General requirements (in addition to the above criteria):

- Applicants from the civil service must fulfill the in-service training eligibility criteria as per the BCSR 2023, and the field of study must be aligned with their respective agency’s CPD plan.
- Applicants from the private and corporate sectors must fulfill the requirements specified by the Department of Workforce Planning and Skills Development, MoESD

5. Timeline for the program:

| # | Particulars | Date |
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| 1 | Deadline for submission of applications | 10-July-2026 |
| 2 | Shortlisting of candidates | 10-Aug-2026 |
| 3 | Interviews of short-listed candidates | 20-21 Aug-2026 (Tentative) |
| 4 | U.S. Embassy, New Delhi notifies principal and alternate nominees that they are recommended. Nominees take TOEFL and GRE tests. | September 2026 |

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| 5 | Technical review of applications by IIE, Washington, D.C. | October 2026 |
| 6 | Selection by Humphrey Board, Washington, DC | February, 2027 |
| 7 | U.S. Embassy New Delhi notifies finalists | March-April 2027 |
| 8 | Fellowship program begins | August-September 2027 |

6. Scholarship benefits:

- J-1 visa support;
- Round-trip economy air travel between home country and host institution in the U.S.
- Tuition, living expenses, and related allowances
- Accident and sickness insurance coverage as per U.S. Government guidelines

The U.S. funding may not cover all costs and the scholar may need to supplement grant benefits with other resources. The Fellowship Program provides no financial support for dependents.

7. Application submission:

- Applications must be submitted online at: <https://apply.iie.org/ffsp2027>
- Applicants should submit their applications by end of the day (11:59 PM Washington, D.C. time) on **10 July 2026** (EST as applicable).
- For the scholarship guideline, [click here](#)

Placement of candidates is done by the Institute of International Education (IIE). Recommended applicants do not need to apply to U.S. institutions on their own. IIE will apply to different institutions on their behalf, taking into consideration the candidates' competitiveness and desired field of study. If a recommended candidate has previously applied to U.S. institutions and has requested a deferral from the institution, the candidate should notify the U.S. Embassy New Delhi.

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Important notes:

- Applications must be complete for candidates to be considered. TOEFL scores are not required for an application to be treated as complete.
- An applicant may apply for only one fellowship category per competition cycle.
- Plagiarism will result in automatic disqualification.
- There is no designated slot for any specific field of study.
- Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.
- Shortlisting will be conducted by the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi, and shortlisted candidates will be announced on the RCSC website.
- Candidates selected through the selection interview are only nominated; final selection is subject to approval by the U.S. Government.
- Visa sponsorship cannot be extended or transferred.
- All scholarship entitlements are strictly limited to those provided under the Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program.
- No additional financial support will be provided by RCSC/RGoB beyond program entitlements.

For general clarification/queries, please contact HRDD at hrdd@rcsc.gov.bt or you can email at plhamo@rcsc.gov.bt.



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