

## **Civic Education and Leadership Fellowship (CELF) 2010**

The U.S. Embassy in Baghdad announces the call for applications for the Civic Education and Leadership Fellowship (CELF) for January 15 – May 30, 2010. Applications are due by September 1, 2009.

The CELF is a five month fellowship for university teachers and scholars. The objective of the CELF program is to enhance international standards in social science education through improved curricula development and course delivery, increased institutional capacity, expanded student and faculty engagement; and improved critical thinking and analytic capabilities of educators in institutions of higher education.

This fellowship is sponsored by the Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) of the U.S. Department of State and provides academics from the Middle East and North Africa with an opportunity to participate in custom tailored programs focused on civic education at the Maxwell School of Public Affairs at Syracuse University (<http://www.maxwell.syr.edu>) in Syracuse, New York.

CELF is open to individuals working in an accredited institution of higher education for a minimum of five years and not more than ten years with at least five years of experience working in social science disciplines, including political science, public administration, law, media, journalism, and communications. Though Ph.Ds (completed or in progress) are preferred, the minimum requirement for the candidates is a completed Masters degree in one of these fields.

Additionally, successful applicants will:

- demonstrate a commitment and desire to remain working in this field for the foreseeable future, and an equal commitment to improving the quality and capacity of educational institutions in their field of study.
- exhibit long-time leadership skills and the capacity to apply opportunities presented in this program in a way that would benefit an education institutions, organization, sector, and/or communities.
- have a level of English language fluency to function successfully in a high-level academic and professional environment; successful applicants will be requested to submit TOEFL scores at a later date.
- have not already completed a similar academic degree or residency in the United States, and is not subject to J-visa restrictions.
- have letters of support from their home institution that will allow them applicant to study in the United States.

Syracuse University will match each Fellow with a faculty mentor on campus and develop individual work plans for the three substantive areas of the program, namely: 1) curriculum development, 2) teaching and research skills development, and 3) professional enhancement and networking activities. The program will work with Fellows before they arrive in the United States so that they can maximize their time while they are in country.

Program participants will receive a certificate from Syracuse University upon the successful completion of the program.

The program will cover all international and domestic travel, health insurance, housing, and a moderate living stipend in the United States for all Fellows participating in the program. Families of Fellows are not permitted to accompany the Fellow on the program.

To apply: Submit a c.v. including contact information, educational qualifications and work experience and two essays of no more than 500 words each, written in English, which answer the following questions:

- Essay 1: What has influenced your thinking about civic engagement? What are the prospects for greater civic engagement in solving social problems and fostering participatory democracy in your country and how do you see the connection between your field of study and improving the prospects for civic engagement in your country?
- Essay 2: What hopes and plans do you have about improving the quality and capacity of your educational institution in your field of study. How do you see yourself leading this change?

Completed applications should be emailed to [FulbrightIraq@state.gov](mailto:FulbrightIraq@state.gov)

Any questions can be sent to [FulbrightIraq@state.gov](mailto:FulbrightIraq@state.gov)

Employees of the U.S. government, their spouse and children, are not eligible for this program.