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HUMPHREY CONNECTIONS

Boston University Humphrey Fellowship Program Newsletter

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**Humphrey
Fellowship**
A Fulbright Exchange Program



Boston University Questrom School of Business



THE HUMPHREY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Cohorts of Fellows specializing in designated fields are hosted by universities chosen for their academic excellence in those fields and for other support they offer. Fellows pursue an intensive, semi-structured program focused on:



Professional
Advancement



Collaboration with
U.S. Counterparts



Leadership
Development



Intercultural
Exchange

The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program was established in 1978 by President Jimmy Carter to honor the late Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey and his life-long commitment to international cooperation and public service. The program invites experienced professionals from designated countries to spend a year in the U.S. preparing to address several of the most compelling development issues in the world today. Humphrey Fellows are selected based on their leadership potential, commitment to public service, and professional expertise. Today's Humphrey Fellow alumni network comprises over 6,000 influential leaders worldwide. This is a Fulbright exchange activity, primarily funded by Congress and administered by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) at the U.S. Department of State, with administrative assistance provided by the Institute of International Education (IIE).


THE PROGRAM AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY



Boston University has operated as a host campus since the Program's inception in 1978. The Questrom School of Business serves as the program's administrative home at BU, where all eleven 2023-2024 fellows specialize in finance and banking and economic development. Under the guidance of program coordinators and faculty advisors, fellows pursue individualized programs of non-degree, graduate level coursework, independent research, special seminars and colloquia, and six-week, professional affiliations related to their respective fields. The Humphrey Fellowship Program has contributed to BU's development into one of the world's most globally connected private universities, where more than 7,000 international students live and study. As of 2024, the BU Humphrey alumni network exceeds 500 members in over 125 countries.



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TO READ THEIR BIOS AND LEARN
MORE ABOUT THEM!**



MEET THE 2023-2024 HUMPHREY FELLOWS



Rabiul Hossain
Bangladesh
Economic Development



Maruška Vizek
Croatia
Economic Development



Bumjeon Kim
South Korea
Economic Development



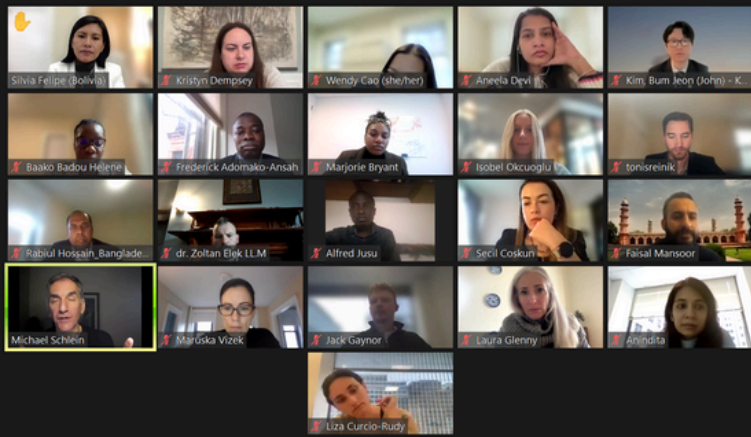
Faisal Mansoor
Pakistan
Finance & Banking



Tõnis Reinik
Estonia
Finance & Banking

LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE

On January 22, we kicked off the Humphrey Seminars in the Spring 2024 semester with Dr. Yoo Jin Chung's session on leadership challenge and change management, as well as asking fellows to reflect on their fellowship program goals so far. Fellows also shared travel stories from their Spring breaks!



ACCION SITE VISIT

On Wednesday, January 24th fellows had a virtual site visit with Accion - a global nonprofit with a mission to create a financially inclusive world. They had the opportunity to ask questions and converse with Accion's staff.

JANUARY SEMINARS

WELCOME BACK POTLUCK



On January 26, the BU Humphrey Fellowship Program hosted the "Welcome Back Potluck" at the office! Host Families, fellows, family, and friends were invited to enjoy a potluck.

A variety of food and drinks from around the world were enjoyed by everyone, and at the end of the night raffle prizes were given out!





MSMS PREP

On Monday, January 29, fellows convened to discuss and plan for their upcoming Global Leadership Panel to Questrom Masters of Management students.

MASS STATE HOUSE VISIT

On Wednesday, January 31, our group took a tour of the Massachusetts State House! The MA State House houses the Massachusetts General Court (state legislature) and the offices of the Governor of Massachusetts. Fellows had the chance to meet Representative Kevin Honan and view Boston from the Governor's Balcony! Thank you to Jen Migliore from Innovate@BU for organizing this event!



JANUARY SEMINARS

MSMS PANEL

On February 14th fellows delivered their Global Leadership Panel to Questrom's Masters of Management students.

The panel was a great success! Panelists Frederick Adomako-Ansah, Silvia Felipe Calle, and Zoltan Elek delivered presentations on their experiences with global leadership and tackling global financial challenges. Their presentations focused on financial inclusion, anti-money laundering, and sustainable finance.



FEBRUARY AND MARCH SEMINARS



Negotiations Workshop

In February, Moshe Cohen, Senior Lecturer of Management & Organizations held the first part of the Negotiation workshop for fellows focusing on competitive negotiations. Fellows paired up and participated in a competitive negotiation simulation! In March, Prof. Moshe Cohen returned for part 2 of his workshop.

Improving Decision Making

On February 21st, fellows engaged in Harvard Business School's Everest Simulation in their Improving Decision Making Seminar! This was a fun, interactive team-learning experience where teams of fellows competed to "reach the summit."



Questrom Center for DEI

On February 26th the fellows had their third seminar with Questrom's Center for DEI. It was an insightful session delving into the importance of promoting inclusive communication in business.



Brookline Bank Visit

On February 28th the fellows visited Brookline Bancorp - a commercially-focused financial institution, offering a wide range of banking services. Fellows heard from executives who gave an overview of the company and dove into topics like Credit Risk, Commercial Real Estate, Cash Management, Company Culture, and more!

Federal Reserve Bank of Boston Site Visit

On Wednesday, March 6th, the fellows visited the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston and met with Dr. Hillary Stein, an Economist with the bank's Boston Research Department. She gave an engaging presentation on how the Fed's operate in the United States and her role within the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.



FCAT Site Visit

On March 20th, the fellows visited The Fidelity Center for Applied Technology at Fidelity's Headquarters! FCAT is a catalyst for breakthrough achievements in research and tech. It was amazing to see and interact with a number of FCAT's newest innovations during our visit!



Bank of America

On March 29th, the fellows had an insightful site visit to Bank of America. They gained knowledge of the company's strategies, organizational culture, and innovations that are driving the industry forward. It was a fantastic learning and networking opportunity!

FEBRUARY AND MARCH SEMINARS

APRIL SEMINARS



MO460 GLOBAL LEADERSHIP PANEL

On April 4th the fellows visited undergraduate course MO460: The Leadership Challenge to talk about global leadership with students. Zoltan Elek moderated a panel discussion featuring Silvia Felipe Calle, Rabiul Hossain, Tõnis Reinik, and Maruška Vizek.

The panelists discussed topics such as overcoming personal biases and navigating multicultural work environments. After the panel the fellows further discuss these topics with students in small groups. It was a great visit and a great opportunity to engage with future leaders at Boston University!



APRIL SEMINARS

LEADING CHANGE & REFLECTION SEMINAR

On April 23rd, Surya Kolluri, Head of TIAA Institute, met with the fellows to discuss financial security, longevity, and overall professional leadership and planning. It was a great pleasure to have Surya speak with fellows and provide great insights to their future!



REFLECTION TEAM BUILDING

On April 23rd, fellows reunited with Thompson Island Outward Bound Professional for our reflection seminar held at the BU Castle! Ellen Harris, Director and Facilitator of Outward Bound Professionals took us through a series of exercises to help fellows reflect on their leadership and how far they've come in the program!

45TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



BRIDGING BORDERS & IGNITING IDEAS: Celebrating 45 Years of the Humphrey Fellowship Program at BU

On April 11th, we commemorated 45 years of the Humphrey Fellowship at Boston University with a celebratory lunch reception, joined by alumni, staff, host families, and cherished collaborators and friends of the program!

It was wonderful to host the event at the BUild Lab and to hear kind remarks about the Humphrey Fellowship Program from Innovate@BU's Executive Director Siobhan Dullea and Director of External Relations Jen Migliore. Special thank you to Ian Mashiter, Master Lecturer of Strategy & Innovation at Questrom, for his kind remarks about the program as well!



RED SOX GAME!

On April 26th, fellows joined their families, host families, MIT fellows, and BU staff for the Boston Red Sox's home series against the Chicago Cubs! Baseball, often referred to as "America's National Pastime", is the oldest professional sport in the U.S. Fellows enjoyed learning about baseball, doing the wave, and shopping at the team store. Boston is very passionate about its sports teams, so it was a fun evening for all!



Capstone Presentations

Thursday, May 2



As a culmination of the Fellowship year, teams of fellows were asked to develop a capstone project. The fellows presented their project's findings and received feedback from the audience. This provided a mutual learning experience to further develop their own capstone project and share common interests! Projects included a Global Housing Affordability Analysis, a Digital Record-Keeping App for Micro and Small Businesses in Ghana, a proposal for an ACAMS Budapest Chapter, and a Boston University Humphrey Alumni Community Platform. Congratulations to the fellows on their outstanding work!



HUMPHREY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY



Thursday, May 2, 2024



The program held our 2023-2024 Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program Commencement for our 11 Boston University Economic Development and Finance & Banking fellows!





Fellow's family, friends, classmates, professors, and long-time supporters of our program joined our special intimate ceremony at the Questrom School of Business. Attendees heard from a number of speakers: Maruška Vizek from Croatia; Host Family & Professor of Economics Stacey Gelsheimer; and Susan Fredholm Murphy, Executive Director of IMAP at BU, respectively.



A huge congratulations once again to the Humphrey Fellowship Class of 2023-2024! We are extremely happy to honor all of the work that the Fellows have done this year and the connections you've made!



HOST FAMILIES & FELLOWS

Sharing highlights from host family and fellow's activities the spring semester!



Fred completed his PA with Accion in Washington, DC. He attended a farewell event at the Zena Hotel!



Faisal enjoying the sights at the Art Museum of America in Washington, DC!

Fellows waited at the finish line for the Boston Marathon!



Host Family BBQ to wrap up and celebrate the end of the Humphrey program!



Rabiul attended the Harvard Blockchain Conference as part of his professional development!



Host Families Carmen Aldinger, Darrell Hartwick, and Doris Kellom, took Zoltan out for lunch with a view!

Celebrating John's birthday with host families and friends!



Faisal and other fellows enjoying their beautiful trip to Miami, FL!



HOST FAMILIES & FELLOWS

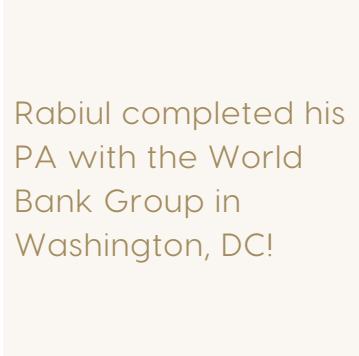
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Faisal completed his PA with the Organization of American States in Washington, DC!



Host Family Bob Binney and Janet Veasey took Rabiul out to explore Seaport!



Rabiul completed his PA with the World Bank Group in Washington, DC!



Fellows wrapped up their Humphrey Seminars in the spring semester!



Host Families Doris Kellom, Darrell Hartwick, and Carmen Aldinger hosting Easter dinner with Zoltan and friends!



Host Family, Phyllis Doig, took fellows and family to Newport, RI!



Faisal and Rabiul celebrating Eid with friends in Boston!



Rabiul was one of the few fellows selected to participate in the Community College Residency Program!



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