

Application for the
**The Professional Fellows Program between Egypt,
Tunisia, and the U.S.**

Theme: Participation and Inclusion of Women

Funded by the **US Department of State**

and administered by

Hands Along the Nile Development Services (HANDS) in the US

in cooperation with

the **Center of Arab Women for Training and Research (CAWTAR)** in Tunisia.

The Professional Fellows Program, funded by the US Department of State Office for Citizen Exchanges in the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, aims to strengthen the leadership capacity and professional skills of mid-level professionals from Tunisia engaged with non-governmental, private or governmental organizations and institutions dedicated to promoting the participation and inclusion of women. Prior to filling out this application, please read through the eligibility criteria in the Professional Fellow Program Announcement to ensure that you meet the program requirements. Those accepted for this program will travel to either Boston or Seattle in the US from April 9 to May 11, 2013 for extended fellowships with relevant nonprofit, private, governmental, or educational institutions. Following the US-based exchange, selected program participants will continue their involvement with an exchange in Tunisia in September 2013, when they and their organizations will continue collaborating with American participants. Selected participants will also be expected to share information acquired through the exchange with their colleagues in Tunisia in order to broaden the impact of this program. By signing this application form, candidates certify their willingness to fulfill the expectations for active and productive participation in this program.

Please attach **a detailed resume and two letters of recommendation** to your application form. The deadline to apply is **January 31, 2013**.

Applications should be **completed in English** and submitted by email to:

Professional Fellows Program: pfp@handsalongthenile.org

When submitting the application, please cc:anna.selma@cawtar.org

It is highly recommended that prospective participants submit their application by email. However, if this is not possible, applicants may submit a hard-copy, **marked "PFP" on the envelope**, by mail or by hand to:

CAWTAR
PO Box No. 105, 1003 Cite El Khadra, Tunis, Tunisia

For further information on program specifics, please visit the HANDS website at www.handsalongthenile.org

For any further questions or concerns, please contact:

At HANDS: Christine Choi at cchoi@handsalongthenile.org
At CAWTAR: Slim Hedhli at slim.hedhli@cawtar.org at 00216-71-773 511

APPLICATION FORM
PART I: BASIC INFORMATION

Name: _____

First

Middle

Last

Permanent Address:

Street

City

County

Country

Postal Code

Permanent Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ ___ Male ___ Female

Day/Month/Year

Place of Birth: _____ Country of Citizenship: _____

City and Country

Do you have a valid passport? ___ Yes ___ No

If yes, list the number and expiration date: _____

Have you ever traveled or lived anywhere outside Tunisia? ___ Yes ___ No

If yes, please provide a brief description, including dates and locations:

How would you describe your **English skills**?

Spoken: Excellent Good Adequate Poor

Written: Excellent Good Adequate Poor

Please list any certificates earned in English language, including the name of the program and year received:

Are you able to travel to the US and live and work independently for 5 weeks?

Yes No If no, please explain your concerns:

PART II: PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

In addition to the educational qualifications detailed on your attached resume, are there any additional courses, trainings, or certificates you have obtained?

Please describe any community service activities you have been involved with.

Please describe any leadership roles you have assumed in your professional, educational, or social circles.

PART III: PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Please highlight the information from your resume that describes your current and previous work in promoting the full participation and inclusion of women in society.

In no more than **three pages**, please present an analysis of the current situation in your country regarding the process of ensuring participation and inclusion of women through legislative activity. Please include a reflection on:

- 1) three or four central challenges to full inclusion and participation of women in all aspects of life in your society (please include here any observations related to cooperation (or lack of it) between civil society and government to address the challenges);
- 2) please highlight any achievements and positive steps (either on local or national level) your society has made when it comes to ensuring participation and inclusion of women, and particularly through legislative action; indicate if some of these steps/achievements could serve as models that should/could be replicated elsewhere in the region/world; and
- 3) in light of these challenges and successes, please provide your own recommendations to address the identified issues, both through activity on a broader social and political level and in your own specific field of work. (Please keep in mind that this program focuses on exploring the legislative mechanisms that help ensure women's inclusion and participation. These could be explored from various angles, such as the role that local and national governmental institutions have in securing this legislation, or what civil society and the private sector can do to communicate with government and also influence such legislative mechanisms, or promote new ones.)

This program involves a four-week fellowship in the US followed by an opportunity to host an American professional at your organization. After completing these two parts of the program, what types of follow-up activities would you propose to pursue to extend the impact of this experience?

I agree that all of the information in this application is true, and I agree that if chosen to participate, I will participate in ALL program activities in the United States and Tunisia.

I am able to travel independently and will be able to participate in all aspects of this program.

Applicant Signature

Date