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Program Goal	Funded by the US Department of State, the Professional Fellows Program (PFP) supports small and medium business development, governmental economic development policy, and economic opportunities for women, youth, minorities, and marginalized populations through a two-way exchange program on the theme of Economic Empowerment for professionals from Algeria, Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia, and the United States.
Program Dates	Any 10-day period between October 1 st – October 30 th , 2023
Who Should Apply	Young professionals in the United States interested in international development, social entrepreneurship, or business development. Ideal applicants have previously engaged with members of the Spring 2023 PFP cohort as professional hosts or through networking and professional development activities.
Expertise Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Emerging leaders in government, civil society, or the private sector who have demonstrated expertise pertaining to Economic Empowerment ▪ Mid-level professionals ▪ Citizen and currently residing in the United States ▪ Currently employed and have two or more years of relevant professional work experience ▪ Self-directed and able to work effectively in a cross-cultural setting ▪ Interest in supporting a follow-on project implemented by a 2023 Fellow in Algeria, Egypt, Morocco, or Tunisia
Where to Apply	Submit completed application package via the application link found here: Professional Fellowship Program Outbound Exchange Application
Application Checklist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Completed application form ▪ Color copy of current passport ▪ Curriculum vitae (CV) or resume
Application Deadline	August 26, 2023
Announcement	Decision will be announced via email by September 9 th , 2023



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PROGRAM DETAILS

With funding from the U.S. Department of State, **CRDF Global** will conduct a two-way exchange **Professional Fellowship Program** (PFP) on the theme of Economic Empowerment for professionals from Algeria, Egypt, Morocco, and Tunisia. The second part of the two-way PFP exchange, the international program, will be implemented in the following three phases over the course of 10 days in Algeria, Egypt, Morocco, and Tunisia:

- **Phase I:** In-country orientation with US Embassy staff and the recently returned Professional Fellows cohort.
- **Phase II:** Engage with a Spring 2023 Fellow in implementing a follow-on project with their place of employment and community during 10-day placement in one of four countries: Algeria, Egypt, Morocco, and Tunisia.
- **Phase III:** Closing Synthesis Session with outbound cohort

This application supports recruitment for the outbound fellowship. The fellowship will take place during any 10-day period from October 1st – 30th 2023. Applicants should indicate their availability and preferences of dates in the application.

Using funds provided by the Department of State, CRDF Global will make all necessary travel arrangements and provide travel stipends for all selected fellows for the duration of the fellowship.

The following will be covered by the program:

- International and Domestic Airfare
- Program-related ground transportation
- Lodging
- Meals and Incidental expenses (per diem)
- Limited health benefits policy
- International travel insurance

Any costs incurred as a result of changes to travel arrangements not approved by CRDF Global or personal expenses will be the responsibility of the fellow.

Participation Requirements

Applicants should be current professionals engaged and interested in one of the following areas:

- Small and medium business development
- Economic development policy
- Social entrepreneurship
- Business administration
- Business education
- Community training programs



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- Innovation and technology
- Emerging technologies

As a PFP Fellow, participants are required to actively engage in all program activities. This includes:

- Attendance and participation in pre-departure events.
- Commitment to fellowship dates.
- Daily attendance at fellowship placement and participation in professional development activities.
- Provision of regular reports and updates during fellowship.
- Completion of a final report following fellowship. *Fellows should also be prepared to discuss their experiences and accomplishments with other fellows and to report back to program funders and relevant institutions on how they will apply or have started to apply their new skills after they return to the United States.*
- Completion of all program surveys.
- Completion of final program report.

COVID-19 Disclaimer

In response to the ongoing global pandemic, the PFP arranged by CRDF Global may be offered as a hybrid program with virtual activities leading up to the exchange. Please note: the in-person, international exchange is contingent upon favorable travel conditions. In the event there are travel restrictions, or others factors which could adversely impact the health, safety and welfare of program participants, host organizations, and local communities, CRDF Global may postpone or pivot the planned in-person exchange to virtual programming. CRDF Global will follow available national and local public health guidance when making decisions related to the PFP.

Submission Requirements

Individuals seeking acceptance into the program must:

- Submit a completed application and required supporting documents
- Provide proof of full Covid-19 vaccination at least two weeks prior to departure

Applications should be submitted via the following link no later than **August 26th, 2023** – [Professional Fellowship Program Outbound Exchange Application](#)

Fellowship Application Timeline

- **July 31, 2023:** Call for applications opens
- **August 26, 2023:** Call for applications closes
- **September 8th, 2023:** Final fellowship approvals



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The PFP team at CRDF Global looks forward to receiving your application submissions. Please circulate this announcement within your professional networks. For email inquiries, please contact: ProFellows@crdfglobal.org.

You can visit [Professional Fellowship Program \(crdfglobal.org\)](https://www.crdfglobal.org/professional-fellowship-program) for additional application resources.