ABOUT USAID

Since 1961, when President Kennedy signed the Foreign Assistance Act and created USAID, the agency has played a leading role in US international development assistance across the globe. USAID staff work in more than 100 countries around the world with the same overarching goals that President Kennedy outlined 50 years ago – furthering America’s foreign policy interests in expanding democracy and free markets while also helping people struggling to make a better life, recovering from a disaster, or striving to live in a free and democratic country. Today, at the beginning of the 21st century, USAID now calls upon scientists and engineers to help the agency meet its new objective of developing and delivering scientific and technological breakthroughs. IEEE-USA is pleased to offer this fellowship opportunity to U.S. members who may be interested in meeting the challenge.

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IEEE-USA/USAID Fellowships

IEEE-USA is seeking members interested in serving as advisors to the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). Known as an IEEE-USA Engineering & International Development Fellow, you will spend a year, starting in September, living and working in Washington, D.C.

The fellowship offers an opportunity for member of the science, technology and engineering community to provide valuable technical expertise to USAID while learning about and contributing to the foreign policy process.

Eligibility & Selection Criteria

The USAID fellowship is open to all IEEE members who are U.S. citizens – from new Ph.D.s to experienced professionals. IEEE-USA Engineering & International Development Fellowship applicants must:

• Be an IEEE Member at the time of application.
• Possess a Ph.D., or a Master's Degree plus five (5) years of relevant professional experience. The degree must be granted by a recognized program in a subject field that falls with the science, engineering, computer, or allied disciplines eligible for IEEE membership. In exceptional cases, the Master's or Ph.D. requirement may be waived by the Government Fellowship Committee for candidates with compensating experience. Work experience must consist of relevant professional employment and does not include internships or student-related employment.
• Be a U.S. citizen at the time of application or, at the latest, prior to selection.
• Meet any special eligibility requirements set by USAID.
• Possess or be able to obtain a secret-level security clearance prior to fellowship.

Specifically excluded as selection criteria are age, sex, creed, race, ethnic background, and partisan political affiliations.

During a competitive selection process, the committee considers the following desirable skills when selecting USAID fellows:

• Ability to communicate technical and non-technical information clearly to scientists and engineers, as well as non-technical people.
• Ability to work with minimal supervision.
• Ability to work collaboratively with a variety of individuals at different levels within and outside USAID on complex or politically sensitive issues.
• Ability to use judgment in presenting options to senior USAID officials.
• Knowledge of international development and humanitarian assistance concepts, approaches, programs and issues. Background/experience in development is desirable, but not mandatory.
• Knowledge of engineering planning and design while taking into account feasibility and economics.

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