# THE PROFESSIONAL FELLOWS PROGRAM ON INCLUSIVE CIVIC ENGAGEMENT IN KENYA, TANZANIA, UGANDA, AND ETHIOPIA FELLOWSHIP ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST

#### 1. Are you between the ages of 25 and 40?

🗖 Yes

□ No - You must be between 25 - 40 years old to apply.

## 2. Are you currently living and working in Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, or Ethiopia?

🗖 Yes

□ No - You must be living and working in one of these countries to apply.

#### 3. Are you a citizen, national, or permanent resident of the United States?

Yes - Citizens and residents of the US are not eligible to apply.

🗖 No

4. Are you eligible to receive a US J-1 visa? (Visit the US Department of State <u>website</u> for information about J-1 visas.)

🗖 Yes

□ No - If you are not eligible to receive a US J-1 visa, you will not be eligible for this program.

Not Sure - If you are not sure about your eligibility, please select "not sure." You will not be excluded from applying if you select "not sure."

#### 5. Are you currently proficient in spoken English?

*Speaking proficiency* refers to your ability to participate in most formal and informal conversations on practical, social, and professional topics.

If you use American, Kenyan, Tanzanian, Ugandan, or Ethiopian Sign Language, please select "Yes." (We will provide American Sign Language interpretation or cover the cost for arranging interpretation in any of the other sign languages).

🗖 Yes

□ No - You must be proficient in spoken English or American, Kenyan, Tanzanian, Ugandan, or Ethiopian Sign Language to apply.

#### 6. Are you currently proficient in written English (reading and writing)?

*Reading proficiency* refers to your ability to read standard newspaper articles, routine correspondence, reports, and technical materials in your field of specialty.

*Writing proficiency* refers to your ability to write routine informal (and some formal) correspondence, as well as narratives, descriptions, and summaries of a factual nature.

🗖 Yes

□ No - You must have English reading and writing proficiency to apply.

#### 7. Do you have at least two or more years of professional work experience?

🗖 Yes

□ No - You must have at least two years of professional work experience to apply.



8.	Are you able to demonstrate e	experience and expertise in	disability inclusion	or related issues?
	🗖 Yes			

□ No - You must demonstrate experience and expertise in disability inclusion or related issues to apply.

#### 9. Are you self-directed and able to work effectively in a cross-cultural setting?

🗖 Yes

□ No - You must be self-directed and able to work efficiently in a cross-cultural setting to apply.

### 10. If accepted to the Fellowship Program, would you be able to travel to the

**United States for a 5-week Fellowship beginning in September 2022 or March 2023?** Note that Fellowship start and end dates may be subject to change. (Fellows will only participate in one exchange but check all that apply.)

□ Fall (September 30, 2022 - November 3, 2022) plus travel time

🗖 Spring (May 5, 2023 – June 8, 2023) plus travel time

Neither - You must be able to travel to the US during one of these timeframes to apply.

11. Are you committed to returning to your home country for a period of two cumulative years after completing the Fellowship Program?

🗖 Yes

- □ No You must be committed to returning to your home country for at least two cumulative years after completing the program to apply.
- 12. Are you committed to implementing an individual project to improve the inclusion of people with disabilities in civic society and life in your region, country, or community after completing the Fellowship Program?

🗖 Yes

□ No - You must be committed to implementing this project in your region, country, or community after completing the program to apply.

13. If the Fellowship Program cannot be conducted in-person due to COVID-19 or related travel restrictions, are you committed to completing the program virtually?

🗖 Yes

□ No - You must be committed to completing the project virtually to apply.

If you have any questions about your eligibility for this Fellowship Program, please contact: <u>PFPInclusion@umb.edu</u>

To apply, please visit: <u>www.PFPInclusion.org</u>

