

# Vital Strategies Healthy Food Policy Fellowship Application Form

## Personal Information

Applicant Name

Country of Residence/Origin

Mobile Phone (include country code)

Email

**Please confirm both statements below are true before proceeding with the application:**

"I, the Fellowship applicant, confirm that I currently do not have any affiliation with the sugary drink, ultra processed food, nor tobacco industry nor its agents or associates and have not had such an affiliation in the two years prior to this application.

\*Please read the fellowship program disclaimers on the last page."

I, the Fellowship applicant, confirms that I am committed to contributing to the healthier food environment in my country of residence/origin.

## Applicant's Academic Focus

Health Economics

If other, please specify below:

Nutrition Epidemiology

Marketing Health

Health Behavior

## Instructions:

1. **ELIGIBILITY** : Please fill this form only if (a) you are planning to enroll in school by September 2024, and (b) after completion of your program, you are committed to contributing to the healthier food environment in one of our focus countries (Barbados, Brazil, Colombia, Jamaica, Mexico and South Africa). **Your application will otherwise be disqualified.**
2. **Deadline** for submission of this form and curriculum vitae is midnight (New York time) on **April 24, 2023.**
3. This form should be completed by the applicant in English.
4. Please complete and save the form with an electronic signature and submit it along with your curriculum vitae (in English) via email to [fellowships@vitalstrategies.org](mailto:fellowships@vitalstrategies.org).
5. Please write the subject of your email in the following format: SUBJECT: \*Applicant Name\_Country of residence\* e.g. Sarina Jones\_Colombia
6. Vital Strategies requires **two letters of recommendation (in English)** from people who are very familiar with your work and professional experience, and/or who might be your potential mentor. Please have two referees submit letters of recommendation to [fellowships@vitalstrategies.org](mailto:fellowships@vitalstrategies.org) by **midnight (New York time) on April 24, 2023** with the following subject line: SUBJECT: \*Recommendation Letter\_Applicant name\_Country of residence\* e.g., Recommendation Letter\_Sarina Jones\_Colombia
7. In case of any queries, please visit [www.vitalstrategies.org/healthy-food-policy-fellowship](http://www.vitalstrategies.org/healthy-food-policy-fellowship) or reach out to Vital Strategies' team at [fellowships@vitalstrategies.org](mailto:fellowships@vitalstrategies.org).

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1. The Healthy Food Policy Fellowship will only be awarded to applicants who get accepted to a credible university with a well recognized Ph.D. program either in their own country or abroad.

Please indicate which of the following applies to you currently:

(A) I have accepted an offer from a university

*NOTE: You are not eligible for this Fellowship if you have already been enrolled in school*

If you selected the above option, please fill the information below:

Program

University

MM/YYYY of  
expected  
enrollment

OR

(B) I have been accepted to multiple universities but yet to decide on a university.

If you selected the above option, please fill the information below:

Program

University

M/YYYY of expected enrollment

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OR

(c) I am currently in the process of applying to a university or universities

[PLEASE NOTE: You can apply for this Fellowship only if you will be enrolled in school by September 2024]

If you selected the above option, please fill the information below:

Program	University	M/YYYY of expected enrollment
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### Descriptive Information

2. What factors contribute to obesity, overweight and NCDs in your country, and how can the food system be improved to address these? (3000 characters maximum)

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**3. What food policies can help foster healthy food environment in your country? How? (3000 characters maximum)**

**4. Briefly explain your academic focus (indicated on page 1) and PhD goals, and how do your past experiences set you up for successfully achieving your PhD goals? (3000 characters maximum)**

**5. How would your PhD goals and research contribute to promoting a healthy food environment or food policy in your country? (3000 characters maximum)**

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**6. Please provide estimated costs for the Ph.D program at your intended university(ies). These numbers should reflect the estimated annual cost for your program(s) in U.S. dollars.**

NOTE: If you are considering multiple programs, please fill in **estimates of any one university**.

**Use only numbers and no special characters (decimals, periods, commas, etc).**

	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	
<b>TUITION</b>					
<b>LIVING EXPENSES</b> <small>(only rent, local public transport, travel, and utilities)</small>					
<b>HEALTH INSURANCE</b>					
<b>TRAVEL</b> <small>(round-trip flight tickets for home, field-trip, and only limited to fellow)</small>					
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b> <small>(one-time costs like language course, laptop, software and books)</small>					
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>

**If you would like to explain any costs, please use the space below:**

**9. How important is this fellowship support for you to pursue your program financially? How do you plan to fund yourself if you are unable to receive this fellowship? Do you have any other source(s) of funding such as a scholarship, fellowship, or part-time job?(5000 characters maximum)**

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## DECLARATION:

**I hereby declare that this application and all information submitted as part of this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I have read all the disclaimers below and I declare that I don't have any conflict of interest.**

Date:

## Important Notes

### Award of this fellowship will be contingent upon:

- Final decision will be taken by the selection committee comprising experts in practice and research related to healthy food policies.
- Fellowship awards will not be approved until Vital Strategies receives the applicant's letter of acceptance to a Ph.D. program at a university that meets the program academic standards, and required legal documents (e.g. immigration documents, if any). Note: Applicants may apply for the fellowship prior to being accepted at an approved university if they are:
  - Considering pursuing a Ph.D. in one of the key research areas or
  - Are in the process of applying to an approved university

### Fellowship Program Disclaimers

**Sugary Drinks and Ultra-Processed Foods Affiliation:** Fellowship applicants confirm that they do not have an affiliation with the sugary drinks or ultra-processed food industry, its agents or associates, and have not had such an affiliation in the two years prior to this application; and that they currently do not accept and shall not accept financial or other support from any sugary drinks or ultra-processed food product manufacturer or the parent, subsidiary, or affiliate of a sugary drinks or ultra-processed food product manufacturer until at least five years after the completion of education. Failure to comply with this clause will constitute grounds for terminating the Fellowship and require the return of any funds awarded under the Fellowship.

**Tobacco Affiliation:** Fellowship applicants confirm that they have not had any business relationship with or knowingly received payment or other support from any tobacco product manufacturer or wholesaler, or from any e-cigarette or vaping manufacturer or wholesaler ("These Industries"), or any parent, affiliate, subsidiary, organization, or foundation with majority support from These Industries, or any person, interest group, advocacy organization, or other business or organization (other than a law firm, advertising agency, or accounting firm) that represents the interests of the Tobacco Industry (collectively, "These Affiliates") in the past two years prior to their application. Fellowship applicants and nominators currently do not accept and shall not accept financial or other support from These Industries or These Affiliates until at least five years after the completion of education. Failure to comply with this clause will constitute grounds for terminating the Fellowship and require the return of any funds awarded under the Fellowship.

**Non-Discrimination:** Vital Strategies does not discriminate on the basis of race, age, religion/creed, color, national origin, sexual orientation, military or veteran status, sex/gender, gender identity, nonconformity, presentation or expression (including cisgender, transgender, non-binary or intersex status), sexual or reproductive health decisions, pregnancy (including childbirth and related medical conditions), domestic partnership status, caregiver status, alienage or citizen status, caregiver status, alienage or citizen status, disability, genetic information, familial status, marital status, or domestic violence victim status, arrest or conviction record, credit history, salary history, unemployment status, or any other basis protected by federal, state, or local laws. This nondiscrimination policy encompasses the operation of all its programs and activities, including this Fellowship.

**Conflict of Interest:** In the event that a potential conflict of interest arises during the Fellowship process, Vital Strategies commits to deal with each conflict of interest in as open and appropriate a way as possible.