History of the Humphrey Program
The Humphrey Program was initiated in 1978 in honor of the late senator and vice president Hubert H. Humphrey. Since then, more than 3,000 fellows have participated. In the 2006-07 year, 160 Humphrey Fellows are placed at 15 universities in the United States.

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The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program
2006-2007

About the Humphrey Program

The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program brings accomplished mid-career journalists and others from related fields to 14 American campuses for a year of study and professional pursuits. Fellows are selected for their national leadership potential from developing nations in Africa, Latin America, the Middle East, Asia, Europe and Eurasia. The program exposes Fellows to state-of-the-art approaches in their fields, to encourage ties between them and their United States counterparts.

For 14 years Fellows have come to the University of Maryland's Philip Merrill College of Journalism, a leading center for journalism education. Notable faculty encompass both research and professional experience. Each year, hundreds of working journalists participate in professional programs affiliated with the College, including those sponsored by the Knight Center for Specialized Journalism and the Casey Journalism Center for Children and Families. The American Journalism Review, also based at the College, publishes news and analysis of print and broadcast performances on a bi-monthly basis.

The University's central location enables Fellows to draw on the rich resources of the Washington-Baltimore area.

Organizations that have provided Professional Activities for Maryland's Humphrey Fellows:
2006–2007 Fellows

Hamida Aman is the founder of Avaz (the voice) Productions, a communications company that produces audio and visual material for election campaigns, as well as music and other programs in Afghanistan. She has worked as a reporter in Switzerland, and as a journalism trainer in Afghanistan. She would like to help develop media and independent production companies in her country.

Bridgette Che Fonunyam is the chief of programs for the North West station of Cameroon Radio and Television. She is interested in educating women and developing journalists in rural areas. She wishes to develop and improve skills in modern broadcast techniques, media management and leadership.

Camella Varvara Tudose is the publisher and director of operations for two regional daily newspapers in Romania, where she is also contributing editorial writer and reporter. She serves as regional correspondent for BBC-Romania radio. She wishes to concentrate on newspaper management and journalism standards during her Fellowship.

Mercia Silva is a sociologist specializing in gender and racial issues. She was research coordinator for Instituto Observatorio Social, a labor rights organization in Brazil. She is now interested in how race and gender equality are promoted in the United States.

Walakkamol Changka-mol is an assistant professor of communications at the Faculty of Communication Sciences, Prince of Songkla University in Southern Thailand. She wishes to study media management, intercultural communication, and conflict resolution practices in the United States.

Patricia Kole is a media and human rights activist and a founding member and vice chair of the Media Women's Association in Botswana. She established the alumni relations office at the University of Botswana and is its current coordinator. Her academic and professional program during her Humphrey year will focus on public relations management and the role of media in society.

Oulon Louis Ouezen is a producer and reporter for the National Radio of Burkina Faso and African editor of Radio France International. He won the CNN award for African Journalist of the Year in 2004. His academic and professional program during his Humphrey year will focus on science journalism, with an emphasis on AIDS reporting.

A’an Suryana is currently the Human Resources and General Affairs Manager at The Jakarta Post, a daily newspaper in Indonesia. He previously worked as the deputy features editor. Suryana is interested in politics and electoral process in the U.S. During his Fellowship he wants to concentrate on newspaper management.

Abdoulaye Ibbo-Daddy is founder and owner of a multimedia communications consulting agency and managing editor of a magazine that covers rural development in Niger. He has been a journalist for 17 years, specializing in rural development. During his Fellowship, he would like to focus on investigative reporting, newsroom management and the use of new technologies in media.

Anita Shah Lakhyry is a writer, TV presenter and women's rights activist in Pakistan. She runs an NGO, TRUCE, which works for rural development and women's empowerment. She intends to focus on news reporting, as well as economic and political development of women in the U.S. with special reference to empowerment of women at the grassroots level.

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Zahid Hossain covers the judiciary, politics, and economic development as a senior reporter for the Bengali daily, Protibon Alo. He is also the editor of a weekly supplement which covers law and human rights issues. During his Humphrey year he will focus on journalism skills and investigative reporting.