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 4,200 fellows have participated. In the 2010-11 year, 220 Humphrey Fellows from 94 countries are placed at 18 universities in the United States.

The program is a Fulbright exchange activity with primary funding from the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. It is administered by:

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The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program

2010-2011

About the Humphrey Program

The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program brings accomplished mid-career journalists and others from various fields to 18 American campuses for a year of study and professional pursuits. Fellows are selected for their national leadership potential from developing nations in Africa, East Asia and the Pacific, Europe and Eurasia, Near East, South and Central Asia and the Western Hemisphere. The program exposes Fellows to state-of-the-art approaches in their fields, to encourage ties between them and their United States counterparts.

For 18 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, working journalists participate in professional programs affiliated with the College, including those sponsored by the 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:


The 2010-11 Humphrey Fellows sailing on the Chesapeake Bay

Award-winning journalist Lucinda Fleeson, formerly with the Philadelphia Inquirer, leads the Humphrey program at Maryland. Deputy Director Serap Rada, Ph. D serves as academic advisor for Fellows.

With guidance from the Humphrey staff, each Fellow undertakes an individualized, non-degree program of academic coursework, professional affiliations, field trips, and consultations with experts.

The Humphrey Fellows in Journalism provide a valuable resource for the College Park community.

The Merrill College has proudly hosted 223 Fellows from more than 80 countries over the last 18 years.
Tasawar-ul-Karim Baig
is a senior producer for Geo Television Network and Express News Television Network where he works on talk shows, docudramas, telelions and campaigns. He wishes to improve his digital broadcast production skills so he can use television to focus on the underprivileged. He also would like to learn about intercultural communication.

Serlie Janias teaches and conducts research at the University of the Philippines on development and science journalism and, communication. She served as the project coordinator for the Environmental Scanning for Golden Rice Among Policymakers for drafting of a national communications plan on the GM fungus and for publication of Books on Filipino national scientists. She will focus on science and development journalism.

Delawar Jan covers the war on terror for Pakistan's leading English newspaper, The News International. He reports on the Swat Valley and the Malakand region's other districts. He wishes to strengthen his journalism skills with an emphasis on conflict reporting. He also would like to learn about new media and hopes to build a network of media professionals during his Humphrey year.

Angur Nahar Monty is the deputy chief reporter and diplomatic correspondent for the Bangla national daily newspaper Bhoror Kagor. She also covers women's issues, human rights, development and cultural issues. During her Humphrey year she wants to improve her international reporting skills and wants to focus on investigative reporting and new media.

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Lindita Tahiri teaches in the Journalism Department at the University of Pristina, supervising Masters and PhD candidates. Previously she was a long-time professor in the English Department. She also coordinates Kosovo education programs and policy for the European Commission. She wishes to study how American universities cultivate critical thinking and creativity as well as focus on how American journalism colleges design curriculum and foster professional experiences.

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Xia Wu serves as the director of the New Media Department for People's Daily Online (www.people.com.cn) as well as the chief editor of the People's Vision Co. Ltd. She has worked as an editor and reporter for the People's Daily. She wants to focus on new Internet and mobile media and its development in China.

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