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 4,694 Fellows have participated. In the 2012-2013 year, 195 Humphrey Fellows from 93 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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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 20 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.

The 2012-13 Humphrey Fellows at the University of Maryland

Award-winning journalist Lucinda Fleson, 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 Prk community. The Merrill College has proudly hosted 244 Fellows from more than 93 countries over the last 20 years.

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

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2012-2013
Abdoul Mountaliib Abdel Wedooude is editor-in-chief of PEACE newspaper as well as a blog, both aimed at reaching young Mauritanians and strengthening cultural exchanges between ethnic groups. He wishes to focus on electronic and social media.

Melissa Chea-Annan is associate editor of The Inquirer newspaper as well as correspondent for Nordic News agency and Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS). She is vice-president of the Press Union of Liberia. She wishes to focus on leadership skills and creation of a training program for women journalists.

Feihu Li is managing editor for the International News Desk, Xinhua News Agency. He wishes to study investigative journalism and other American journalism practices.

Leon Menkshi is a journalist at Albanian Radio’s Television, editing reports and serving as a commentator and anchor. He wishes to focus on ethics, the impact of media on society and television management.

Natalia Zhukova is deputy chief of production for Echo of Moscow Radio, where she also produces an international affairs program. She wishes to study journalism best practices.

Vardha Khalil is a producer for Television Media Network, responsible for daily news and special reports on international affairs. She previously worked for the independence of judiciary and media. She wants to focus on reporting of human rights issues, international affairs and politics.

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Riamny Mendez is an investigative journalist who has worked for magazines and newspapers. She was the executive coordinator of the UNESCO Chair in Communication, Democracy and Good Governance at the Pontifica Universidad Catolica Made y Maestro, a project to develop investigative reporting skills for journalists from Haiti and her country. She wishes to study investigative reporting and best digital practices, with emphasis on women and immigration.

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Ji Hye Han is Deputy Manager for the Korea Communications Commission, with responsibility for online privacy protection. She works on developing policies, guidelines and educational programs to protect the privacy of online users. During her Humphrey year she wishes to study global media trends and U.S. communication and privacy policies.

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Ha Thuy Nguyen is an associate editor at VnExpress, a national English-language daily, specializing in social issues. Previously she managed the sports desk. Other news organizations Ha worked with include the Sydney Morning Herald, Westdeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung and Asia News Network. During her Humphrey year she wishes to focus on citizen media and learn best practices in journalism.

Andras Petho is editor of the news portal Ogip, responsible for daily coverage as well as investigative reports. He wishes to study the history of investigative reporting, computer-assisted reporting and social media.

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