The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship program brings accomplished mid-career journalists and others from various fields to 17 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 21 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 is an online publication focusing on news innovation and entrepreneurship, as well as media criticism.

The University's central location enables Fellows to draw on the rich resources of the Washington-Baltimore area. Serap D. Rada, Ph.D directs the Humphrey program at Maryland and 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 254 Fellows from more than 93 countries over the last 21 years.

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

Kashif Alam is a Course Commander and Senior Superintendent of Police with the Police Service of Pakistan. During his Humphrey year, he would like to focus on public policy analysis, national and international security issues, and leading and managing change.

Masimba Biriwasha is the global editor-at-large of AfroFutures.com, an online site dedicated to music, arts, fashion, business, and politics. During his Fellowship year, he would like to focus on digital media entrepreneurship; digital journalism and content management; data visualization and infographics.

Eva Flomo is a radio producer for UN Mission in Liberia. She is interested in efforts to increase women’s advancement by focusing on empowerment, health and political participation. During her Humphrey year, she would like to identify partners with whom she can collaborate to work on these issues, as well as focus on development communication, investigative journalism and community development efforts.

Thu Ha Nguyen is a senior editor at VietNamNet where she also covers politics. During her Humphrey year, she is interested in improving her skills as a political editor and political analyst.

Mohammad Mahabusbar Rahman works for WorldFish, an international organization, as a communication specialist. He is interested in learning about behavior change communication as a tool for development, which he hopes to use for climate change adaptation and public health programming.

Tahira Jabeen Noor is a civil rights activist and a manager at the National Commission on the Status of Women/UN Women in Pakistan. She would like to study effective communication methods for advocacy and change in order to elevate the role of women in decision-making process and develop public education programs.

Vanessa Carolina Sanchez is a reporter for Venevision television station where she covers governmental affairs. Also experienced in presenting radio news, she has won many awards. During her Fellowship, she would like to focus on international politics with emphasis on relationship between the United States and Latin American countries.

Audace Machado is a producer for Isanganino Radio where his programs focus on good governance, corruption and tolerance. As a journalist, and a blogger, he worked as a correspondent for international media organizations and traveled widely. He won the “Comesa Media Award” in 2011 and 2012. During his Fellowship year he would like to focus on best practices in radio program production and communication strategies.

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