The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program brings accomplished mid-career journalists and others from various fields to 15 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 23 years Fellows have come to the University of Maryland’s Philip Merrill College of Journalism, a leading center for journalism education, where they take advantage of courses taught by award-winning faculty and world-renowned researchers. The Fellows gain skills preparing them for today’s innovative journalism landscape and enhance their understanding of journalism’s political, cultural and social roles in the United States and around the globe.

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 276 Fellows from more than 103 countries over the last 23 years.

Organizations that have provided Professional Activities for Maryland’s Humphrey Fellows:
Anubha Bhonsle is an executive editor at CNN-IBN. A journalist and anchor, she reports on major news events and leads the station’s social and public interest journalism programming. During her Humphrey year, Anubha will explore the intersection of democracy, dissent and technology.

Sharmilla Ganesan is a chief reporter with The Star newspaper’s features desk where she coordinates the literary section. Her current focus is arts and culture. During her Humphrey year, Sharmilla would like to focus on how multimedia elements can be integrated in long-form journalism.

Jianlong Hu is a Beijing-based investigative journalist for the Southern Weekly Newspaper. He focuses on environmental news and on China’s aid and investment in developing nations. During his Humphrey year, Jianlong is interested in exploring China’s investment in Africa and Southeastern Asia, and improving his multimedia skills.

Hasan Naser Khan is a freelance journalist who reports on health, climate change and national affairs. He is also a contributor to several leading media outlets and worked as a broadcast reporter for Geo News and Samaa TV. As a Humphrey Fellow, Hasan is interested in improving his multimedia skills, and exploring new media innovations.

Marat Raimkhanov is a media trainer and coach. He conducts media training sessions, seminars, master classes on public relations, and personal and organizational communications. During his Humphrey year, Marat would like to pursue academic research and explore how the Internet contributes to democratic societies around the world.

Khim Ghale is the online bureau chief of Kantipur Nation Daily, the largest circulating newspaper in Nepal. He is also the district bureau chief, supervising five bureaus, and is the founder of Community Radio Marsyangdi. During his Humphrey year, Khim is interested in improving his multimedia and research skills.

Azer Nazarov is a multimedia and social media trainer, media manager, journalist, PR consultant and contributed to media-related projects for Azerbaijani youth. He is the founder and director of Premark Media Consulting Services. During his Humphrey year, Azer would like to improve his public relations and media management skills.

Nanythe Patricia Talani works for TerrAfrica Magazine. Previously, she worked as a reporter and presenter for MN-TV and Radio, as a journalism trainer for Informotrac, and taught journalism and law. During her Humphrey year Nanythe would like to focus on the fundamentals of multimedia journalism.

Ioana Tamas is an arts management and cultural policy consultant. She was a key contributor to the development of the first cultural strategies in Bucharest and Timisoara. During her Humphrey year, Ioana is interested in exploring how the arts are supported in the United States focusing on the relationship between governmental organizations, NGOs and private companies.

Wade Williams is an independent investigative journalist. She was chief of the news desk at Frente Page Africa and recently worked for AP Television and Bloomberg News. During her Humphrey year, Wade is interested in learning about democratic institutions that allow journalists to work freely, and improving her multimedia skills.

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