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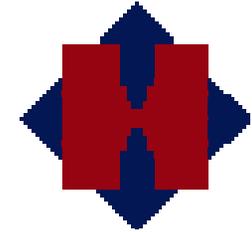
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The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program

The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program was initiated in 1978 by President Jimmy Carter to honor the late senator and vice president, a long-time advocate of international cooperation and understanding. The program brings accomplished mid-career professionals from designated countries of Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean, the Middle East, Europe, and Eurasia to the United States for one year of non-degree graduate study and related practical professional experience.

Fellowships are granted competitively to professional candidates with a commitment to public service in both the public and private sectors. Applications are made in the applicant's country where the first-level screenings are conducted. Fellows are nominated by the United States Embassy or Fulbright Commission, based on their potential for leadership. Final selection is made in the U.S. by a panel of experts and the J. William Fulbright Scholarship Board.

In the last 29 years, close to 3,750 professionals representing more than 120 countries have participated in the Humphrey Program. This year, 173 Humphrey Fellows from 85 different countries are spending the academic year, in groups of seven to 15, at 15 universities across the United States. UC Davis hosted the Humphrey Program from 1986 until 1996, and again since 2001. The UC Davis Humphrey Fellows will concentrate on agricultural development, environmental science, economics and law. In addition to the individual coursework, research, and co-curricular activities, a series of seminars on topics of mutual interest to the participants is offered to the Fellows, providing an opportunity to share new perspectives with U.S. colleagues and specialists. With the assistance of UC Davis faculty mentors, the Fellows undertake individualized programs of academic and professional development and leadership.

The Fellows also travel throughout the U.S. to visit public and private agencies related to their professional fields, attend meetings, and network with colleagues.

By providing these future leaders with a shared experience of U.S. society and culture and of current U.S. approaches to the fields in which they work, the Humphrey Program provides a basis for lasting ties between the citizens of the U.S. and their counterparts in other countries. The Humphrey Program fosters the exchange of knowledge and mutual understanding. The U.S. joins developing countries in a significant partnership through this program.

University Outreach and International Programs

Established in 1998, the Vice-Provost Office of University Outreach and International Programs (UOIP) provides campus leadership and coordination for two increasingly important academic program areas: continuing and life-long learning, and international research and educational activities. The mission of UOIP is to facilitate, coordinate, stimulate and provide leadership for the UC Davis faculty, students, and staff to pursue educational outreach and international programs and activities. The office has primary responsibility for all international institutional cooperative agreements and official international visits, Services for International Students and Scholars (in conjunction with the Office of Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs), the Summer Sessions and University Extension International Programs. It also works collaboratively with many other international programs on campus such as the Education Abroad Center, Internships and Career Center, and the colleges' international programs. University Outreach and International Programs, International Programs Office of the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, and University Extension, jointly administer the Humphrey Fellowship Program.

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Hubert H. Humphrey Fellows at UC Davis 2007-2008

Ms. Swayam Prabha Das, Ph. D

Marine Policy Analyst
New Delhi, India



Dr. Das received her Doctorate in the field of International Relations in 2003, from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India, specializing in marine affairs. Dr. Das has been associated with World Wildlife Fund, India since 2003 as Coordinator of the Marine programme. Her work over the past four years has focused on conservation through program and policy initiatives. As a Humphrey Fellow, Dr. Das is interested in enhancing her knowledge and professional skills in the field of natural resources management. She wants to learn more about coastal and marine biodiversity, as well as conservation tools and techniques.

Mr. Mohammed El Belkacemi, Ph. D

Head of Fish Processing Section
Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
Rabat, Morocco



Dr. El Belkacemi received his degree in Agricultural Engineering from the Institut Agronomique et Vétérinaire Hassan II in 1988. In 1998 he was designated national officer in charge of an FAO project focusing on fish loss assessment. He completed his Ph. D in 2006 on the "Implementation of HACCP in the Moroccan Fishery Supply Chain" at the University of Lincoln, UK. As a Humphrey Fellow, Dr. El Belkacemi hopes to learn how to minimize postharvest food losses through controlling pathological, physiological and physical hazards.

Mr. Mohamed Saliem Haider

Waste Specialist
Cape Town, South Africa



A graduate in the fields of chemistry, materials science, economics and business management, Mr. Haider is currently studying law through a distance learning university. During the ten years he was in waste management, he was involved in the strategic planning of the Regional Landfill site, the planning and design of three additional waste transfer stations, the closure of three landfill sites and the formulation of an Integrated Waste Management Plan for Cape Town. As a Humphrey Fellow, Mr. Haider wants to explore waste-to-energy plants, the harnessing of methane gas from landfill sites and the associated Certified Emission Reduction certificates in terms of the Cleaner Development Mechanism of the Kyoto Protocol.

Mr. Gabriel Kpadonou Hounsa

Environment and Water Quality Engineer
Department of Health Ministry
Cotonou, Benin



Mr. Kpadonou Hounsa holds a post graduate degree in Environmental Management and Water Quality from Abomey-Calavi University in Benin. He is currently serving as an Assistant Officer at the Sanitation and Public Hygiene Department of the Health Ministry. He graduated in Natural Sciences

from National University of Benin in 1997 and received a Master's Degree in Education from Felicien Nandjo Teacher's Training School of Porto-Novo in 2001. Mr. Kpadonou Hounsa is involved in the prevention of water and sanitation related diseases. As a Humphrey Fellow, Mr. Kpadonou Hounsa will complete courses in communication, marketing and project management. He also hopes to learn more about environmental decision making and environmental economic assessments to promote public hygiene and sustainable sanitation for disease control and prevention in Benin.

Mr. Kouassi Adolphe Kouadio

Chemical Engineer
Head of the Production Service of Abidjan
SODECI
Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire



Mr. Kouadio received a degree in Industrial Chemistry from the National Polytechnic Institute of Côte d'Ivoire. He is now working toward a Ph. D in Environmental Science from the University of Côte d'Ivoire, Abidjan Abobo-Adjamé. He has been working in the field of hydraulics and water treatment for twelve years for a private enterprise called SODECI, the water supply company of Côte d'Ivoire in Abidjan, where he is an expert in potable water treatment. Mr. Kouadio is in charge of the technical supervision of the field chemists and the chemical engineering aspects of urban water supply surveys. Since 2007, he has been head of the Service of Production for the city of Abidjan. As Humphrey Fellow, Mr. Kouadio will develop a project for pan-African Technical Cooperation in the field of water technology.

Mr. Mamadou Koutou

Agriculture Engineer
Institute of Environment and Agriculture
Research
Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso



Mr. Koutou holds a Master's Degree in Crop Biotechnology. He received his Agriculture Engineering Degree from Agriculture National School of Meknes in Morocco in 2000. Since then, he has been working for the National Institute of Agriculture and Environmental Research in Burkina Faso (INERA). He is responsible for research on vegetable crops in the country. Since 2005, Mr. Koutou has been the national Principal Investigator of IPM-CRSP project funded by USAID, where he is serving as national expert in pests and disease control, emphasizing viral diseases. During his Humphrey year, Mr. Koutou will take classes in rural development, project management, and laboratory studies using biotechnology tools.

Mr. Emilio Mariscal Flores

Coordinator for Forestry Research Native
Species Reforestation Project (PRORENA)
Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute
(STRI)
Panamá, Panamá



Mr. Mariscal is a Forestry Engineer. He received his Masters Degree in Forestry Science in 1993 at University Federal of Viçosa, Minas Gerais, Brazil. For eighteen years he worked with the National Environmental Authority in Panamá where he had several departmental leadership positions. He is currently the coordinator of the Native Species Reforestation Project (PRORENA) for the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute in

Panamá. As a Humphrey Fellow, Mr. Mariscal will study carbon credit markets and learn about reforestation programs to help landholder's farm in a tropical region like Panamá. He hopes to be a leader in the Carbon Credit Market to the Central American region working with the World Bank.

Ms. Josephine Rabanal Migalbin, Ph. D

Dean, College of Fisheries and Animal
Science
University of Southern Mindanao
Kabacan, Cotabato, Philippines



Dr. Migalbin holds a doctorate degree in Agricultural Sciences focusing on Animal Science with emphasis in Agricultural Extension. She holds a Master of Science Degree in Animal Science with a focus on Agronomy. She received a Master of Aquaculture Degree from the University of Queensland in Australia. Dr. Migalbin has been in the academic profession for twenty-four years teaching undergraduate and postgraduate students. During her Humphrey year, she plans to study how the extension programs in the United States are effectively implemented, how livestock production systems can be integrated in a sustainable farming system, and how goat and cattle farms are managed.

Mr. Tanh Tran Nhan Nguyen

Head, Department of Environmental Science
and Sustainable Development
An Giang University
Long Xuyen, An Giang, Vietnam



Mr. Nguyen holds a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Engineering from Can Tho University, Vietnam, and a Master's Degree in Environmental Science from Aarhus University, Denmark. He has seven years experience in teaching, research and training at An Giang University. Mr. Nguyen has managed many projects funded by the USAID in domestic waste treatment and management, SIDA in environmental education, and DANIDA and UNDP researching the socio-economical and environmental impacts of flood protection dikes in the Mekong River Delta. As a Humphrey Fellow, Mr. Nguyen plans to network with environmental organizations and experts to help manage river, flood and water resources effectively in the Mekong River Delta and to improve the local community.

Mr. Manbir Singh M.Sc. M. Phil.

Head, Department of Food Science &
Technology
Khalsa College Amritsar
Amritsar, India



Mr. Singh holds an M. Phil degree in Biology with specialization in Microbiology from Guru Nanak Dev University Amritsar, Punjab India. He received his post graduate diploma in Food and Microbial Technology and a Master's Degree in Microbiology, with specialization in Food Microbiology. For the last fourteen years, Mr. Singh has been teaching and is Head of the Department of Food Science and Technology at Khalsa College Amritsar. Mr. Singh is researching food contamination by bacteria. During his Humphrey year, he plans to work in the areas of food processing, food safety and HACCP. He hopes to learn more about using different techniques to detect food borne illness causing microorganisms.