




## *Edward R. Murrow Program For Journalists*

### *An Innovative Journalism Exchange Through Public-Private Partnership*

#### **The Partnership**


The U.S. Department of State's Edward R. Murrow Program for Journalists is an innovative public-private partnership between the U.S. Department of State, the Aspen Institute and leading schools of journalism, which brings approximately 150 emerging leaders in the field of journalism from around the world to examine journalistic principles and practices in the United States. The journalists are nominated for participation in the Murrow Program by the U.S. Embassies in their home countries. The professional and personal ties that grow out of the program last well beyond the month-long program and enable these international journalists to improve their reporting skills, their knowledge of America, and international affairs, in general.

#### **History**

Working in conjunction with U.S. journalism schools across the country and the Aspen Institute, the Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs developed a specialized International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) in 2006 to engage young international media professionals in dialogue with their U.S. counterparts. Since the inaugural program, 600 international journalists have participated in the program.

#### **2010 Program Details**

Going into its fifth year, the next Murrow Program will take place in the Fall of 2010. One hundred and fifty international journalists from over one hundred countries are expected to participate. After initial programming in Washington, D.C., the participants travel in smaller groups for academic seminars and field activities with faculty and students at one of the partner schools of journalism. The partner journalism schools design specialized curriculum for their international counterparts and generously contribute their resources, time and talent to make this program possible. The visitors also travel to contrasting American cities to gain an understanding of media coverage of state politics and government and to observe American civic life and



grassroots involvement in political affairs in smaller towns. The program concludes in New York City, with visits to major media outlets and discussions that will highlight current trends and challenges facing the media in the United States and around the world.

#### **2009 Partner Institutions for the Edward R. Murrow Program for Journalists:**

- The Aspen Institute, Washington, D.C.
- Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication, The University of Georgia
- Reynolds School of Journalism, University of Nevada, Reno
- Department of Journalism and Media Studies, University of South Florida St. Petersburg
- Annenberg School for Communication, University of Southern California
- Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Oklahoma
- School of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Minnesota
- School of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications and Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University
- Philip Merrill College of Journalism, University of Maryland
- J. William and Mary Diederich College of Communication, Marquette University
- College of Communication and Information, University of Tennessee

#### **The International Visitor Leadership Program**

The Edward R. Murrow Program for Journalists is part of the prestigious International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State. The IVLP brings approximately 4,000 participants to the United States from around the world each year to meet and engage with their professional counterparts. American officials overseas select the visitors, who are current or potential leaders in government, education, politics, the media and other fields. Almost 300 current and former Heads of Government or Chiefs of State, thousands of cabinet-level ministers, and many other distinguished world leaders in government and the private sector have participated in the International Visitor Leadership Program.

**The Department of State** directs the IVLP in cooperation with a number of non-profit organizations and over 90 community-based organizations across the country, under the leadership of the National Council for International Visitors located in Washington, D.C.