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**International fellowship begins yearlong U.S. studies at Sac State**

Sacramento State is the first U.S. stop for 17 Humphrey Fellows, who will spend nearly two months in Sacramento for a pre-academic program before scattering to their assigned universities across the country and beginning 10 months of non-degree study and professional experiences.

The College of Continuing Education at Sacramento State is hosting 14 men and three women from 14 foreign countries who were selected for the prestigious Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program. This is the first time Sac State has participated in the program named for the late U.S. senator and vice president.

“We at Sac State are honored to host such a distinguished group of individuals,” says Guido Krickx, dean of the College of Continuing Education. “They have been identified as rising stars in their home countries with respect to policy development in a wide range of activities.”

While here, the Fellows will attend classes on campus five days a week to prepare them for the challenges of post-baccalaureate work. They also have been matched with local experts who work and research in their chosen fields. The “American culture” aspect of their Humphrey Fellows experience will include weekend field trips to River Cats games, Old Sacramento, Lodi wineries, historic sites in San Francisco and the California State Fair.

Among the Sacramento State professors set to address the group, and their topics, are: Dr. Brian Lim, “What is an American?”; Dr. Lee Simpson, “Educating the 21st Century Person”; and Dr. Don Taylor, “Emerging Issues in the New Ecology of Higher Education in the United States.”

Since its creation in 1978, the Humphrey Fellowship Program has brought to the United States more than 4,600 young and mid-career professionals from 157 countries undergoing development or political transition. The program, a Fulbright exchange activity, is funded primarily by Congress through the State Department’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Approximately 200 fellowships are offered each year.
Fellows applicants are required to hold an undergraduate degree, have at least five years of professional experience and be able to speak English.

The 17 Fellows visiting Sacramento hail from South Korea, Pakistan, Tunisia, Guinea, Lebanon, Armenia, Yemen, Ivory Coast, Sri Lanka, Kazakhstan, Libya, Serbia, Lithuania and Mauritania. Their fields of study range from public health and human rights to the arts and international relations. They will leave Sacramento on Saturday, Aug. 3, and head to one of seven universities across the country to complete their studies.

Sac State’s inaugural participation in the program falls in line with the University’s One World initiative, which was instituted last fall.

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