The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program was initiated in 1978 to honor the late Senator and Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey and his life-long commitment to international cooperation and public service.

The program brings accomplished mid-career professionals from designated developing nations and emerging democracies to the United States for a year of professional development and related academic study and cultural exchange. The people-to-people approach to international understanding provides a basis for lasting ties between U.S. citizens and their professional counterparts in other countries and strengthens the global exchange of knowledge and experience essential to a sustainable world.

Fellowships are granted competitively to professional candidates with a commitment to public service. The program is sponsored by the United States Department of State and is administered by the Institute of International Education. This year’s program includes 187 Fellows from 93 countries, hosted by 17 universities throughout the United States.

Humphrey Fellows come to the Maxwell School to pursue studies and professional development work in the areas of public policy, public administration, non-profit management, leadership and collaboration. The goals of the program are:

• to enable each Fellow to develop a program that fosters personal and professional growth and that prepares the Fellow for leadership roles in his or her country;

• to provide opportunities for a rich exchange of information among fellows and also between Fellows and host families, community members, professional colleagues, and students and faculty at the Maxwell School;

• to help Fellows understand as broadly and deeply as possible U.S. cultural, political, legal, and economic systems; and

• to help Fellows develop a fuller sense of global context in which we all operate.

In collaboration with Syracuse University faculty members and alumni, a network of affiliated professionals, host families — and with the Fellows themselves — the Humphrey Fellows Program at Maxwell provides an extraordinary environment for cross-cultural learning.

About the Maxwell School
Syracuse University’s Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs was the first in the nation to offer graduate professional education in public administration, beginning in 1924, and the program has been unwaveringly strong ever since.

In an arrangement that is unique among major colleges and universities, Maxwell is also home to Syracuse University’s scholarly programs in the social sciences — anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science, social science, and sociology. The co-mingling of these scholarly programs with Maxwell’s professional degrees creates rich, compounding benefits for students and faculty members. Scholarly research is tested by the “real-world” perspective of the professional programs.

Maxwell’s high esteem draws in large part from the unfettered cross-propagation of theory, policy, and practice — apparent in the classroom and in Maxwell’s eight interdisciplinary institutes (some of them co-sponsored with other Syracuse University departments). In the institutes, scholars work side-by-side with practitioners on matters of domestic public policy, global affairs, citizenship and public affairs, environmental policy, conflict resolution and collaborative management, and national and international security, among others.

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Joseph Abass Bangura
Sierra Leone
Mr. Bangura will focus his studies on social entrepreneurship and business investments as tools for social transformation. He is managing director of A Call to Business Trading Company (SL) Ltd., a company that is currently providing micro loans to more than 3,000 small scale entrepreneurs in Sierra Leone, Liberia, and Guinea. He publishes a quarterly magazine, Integrity, which is widely read in Sierra Leone; and he has been the host of a personal development radio program, Winning Ways, as well as “Life-by-Design,” which are motivational leadership seminars, for the past 10 years.

Ronald Amorado
Philippines
Mr. Amorado will focus his studies on public policy analysis and policy evaluation as it relates to good governance and anti-corruption reforms. He has worked for numerous years with government agencies and private sector organizations on discourse formation, research, providing training and public lectures on corruption issues.

Nimrod Pinhas Goren
Israel
Mr. Goren has worked as the founding director of the Young Israeli Forum for Cooperation (YIFC). He will focus on how civil society can promote conflict resolution and influence foreign-policy making, and on nonprofit management and leadership. Mr. Goren will return to Israel to promote the establishment of an institute for regional policies which will work towards the resolution of the Israel-Arab conflict.

Alexei Ionasco
Moldova
Mr. Ionasco will focus his studies on policy analysis, policy administration, organizational change and leadership in order to assist his country to ensure sustainable economic development. For the past 11 years he has worked for the World Bank focusing on policy dialogue in social protection and social development issues. When he returns to Moldova, he plans to assume a greater role in leadership in either an international organization, policy institute or in government institutions that develop and implement policy.

Dong Seok Lee
Republic of Korea
Mr. Lee currently works for the Korea Communications Commission, which regulates information technology and telecommunication. Through his studies, he wishes to learn more about U.S. information technology policy, laws and regulations of telecommunications. He will also focus on leadership, discussion and negotiation skills. He will then return to Korea to renovate and restructure processes needed for efficiency and to steer policymaking.

Jamel Mhedhbi
Tunisia
Mr. Mhedhbi works as an advisor to coordinate national strategies and projects for the integration of information technology and set regulation and management of telecommunications in Tunisia. After his research and studies in policymaking, strategic implementation and deregulation, he will return to Tunisia to develop and deploy new communication strategies and policies to help the processing and privatization of the information technology field.

Shouvik Mitra
India
Mr. Mitra works helping build community capacity which enables greater economic opportunities to increase the standard of living for rural citizens. He plans on concentrating on social/public policy, policy analysis and microeconomics as well as rural and fund development. He will return to India to continue work increasing rural standards of living and economic opportunities, adapting successful models of rural development.

Anita Sarmah
India
Ms. Sarmah works in the Indian Railways as a financial advisor and chief accounts officer. Her vision is to enhance or make possible rail-side warehousing, world-class stations, a dedicated freight corridor, port connectivity and the use of private container services. With these plans she will focus on public administration, finance, law, managerial finance and risk management.

Roxana Silva
Ecuador
Ms. Silva works to design and implement projects on accountability, social control and human rights for Ecuador’s citizens. Through her studies and research she will focus on public policy analysis, democracy, anti-corruption, public and nonprofit administration and advocacy. She aims to promote social and political groups to assist government in improving public administration, fiscal accountability and citizen accessibility of public information, transparency and citizen participation, as well as in promoting peaceful social change.

Simpon Snoh
Liberia
Mr. Snoh will concentrate on the mitigation of conflicts, public policy analysis, and best practices in program design and evaluation. His goals are to mainstream conflict mitigation in the design, management and evaluation of public service policies and programs in his country’s post-conflict reconstruction and development efforts. He plans to play a leadership role in national capacity building focusing on conflict mitigation and governance.

Addys Then Marte
Dominican Republic
Ms. Then Marte has worked in the public and NGO sectors managing social development projects. She will focus on public policy analysis, formulation and implementation of public policies and international free trade agreements. When she returns to the Dominican Republic, she will continue to build capacity, strengthen civil society organizations, promote public policy for citizenry to strengthen relationships between government, civil societies, and the private sector.