EDWARD R. MURROW
Program for Journalists

Connecting People, Creating Understanding

The U.S. Department of State's Edward R. Murrow Program for Journalists brings more than 75 emerging international print, broadcast, and digital media journalists to the United States each year to share journalistic practices, examine foreign affairs reporting, and build networks with media professionals in the United States.

Program Details

The Edward R. Murrow Program for Journalists is an annual three-week exchange to examine the essential role of independent media in fostering and protecting freedom of expression and democracy. The Murrow Program, a flagship initiative of the International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP), is a public-private partnership with leading schools of journalism that host the participants.

Emerging international media professionals engage in dialogue with their U.S. counterparts, allowing them to share journalism best practices and create new professional networks with fellow media professionals from the United States and around the world. The Murrow Program participants travel in small groups for academic seminars and field activities with faculty and students at one of the partner schools of journalism, then visit small to mid-sized American cities to gain an understanding of media coverage in state politics and government.

The Edward R. Murrow Program honors the legendary CBS News radio reporter whose career included historic coverage of World War II and later critical reporting on Senator Joseph McCarthy. Murrow would go on to be appointed director of the U.S. Information Agency, which later became part of the State Department.

Cultivating New Ideas

An analysis of the program found that Murrow Journalists had an increase in:

- Understanding of U.S. society, U.S. government and the policymaking process
- Knowledge of specific subjects discussed during the program, including human rights, diversity, fighting corruption, and women in society
- Knowledge of current trends in the media profession, including alternative media
- Desire to consult a wider variety of sources, like nongovernmental sources, the internet, and international media.

PARTNER UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

Universities generously contribute their resources, time, and talent for this program. The partner schools this year are:

- **Walter Cronkite School of Journalism,** Arizona State University
- **Newhouse School of Public Communications,** Syracuse University
- **Gaylord College of Journalism,** University of Oklahoma
- **Grady College of Journalism,** University of Georgia
- **School of Journalism and Mass Communications,** University of Minnesota
- **School of Journalism and Mass Communication,** University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
- **School of Journalism and Center for Advanced Media Studies,** University of Nevada, Reno