

PRESS RELEASE

MONTEREY INSTITUTE HOSTS 21 FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS

Believed to be the most Fulbright scholars per capita of any school in the nation

MONTEREY, Calif. – May 7, 2009 – During the current school year, the Monterey Institute of International Studies has hosted 21 Fulbright Scholars from 13 countries, a figure believed to represent the highest per capita concentration of Fulbright scholars on the West Coast, if not in the nation.

With a total enrollment of approximately 800 students, the Monterey Institute certainly has the most Fulbrighters per capita on the West Coast and arguably the most per capita in the country according to a senior staff member at the Institute of International Education.

The Institute's Fulbright scholars, who hail from Afghanistan, Albania, Bangladesh, Iraq, Laos, Mexico, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka and the United States, add an irreplaceable component to the thriving academic environment and global, cross-cultural perspective for which the Institute is known around the world.

The Fulbright Program operates in over 155 countries and has been in existence since 1946. The Fulbright Program is an international educational exchange program sponsored by the US Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Each year, 7,500 new grants are awarded to scholars worldwide based on academic and professional records, language preparation, feasibility of the project or course of study, personal qualifications and preference factors established by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FSB) and the Fulbright Commissions. The selection is highly competitive and it is considered a great academic achievement to have the title of Fulbright Scholar.

For more information about the Monterey Institute please call 831-647-3516 or visit www.miiis.edu. For further information about the Fulbright Program or the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, go to <http://fulbright.state.gov>.

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About Monterey Institute of International Studies

The Monterey Institute of International Studies is at the forefront of international professional education, preparing students for global careers in the private, public, nonprofit and educational sectors. A private graduate institution located in Monterey, California and affiliated with Middlebury College, the Institute offers degree programs in international business, translation and interpretation, international policy studies and language teaching. The Institute's approximately 800 students come from more than 50 countries. For more information about the Monterey Institute, visit www.miiis.edu.

About The Fulbright Program

Established in 1946, the Fulbright program is America's flagship international educational exchange program and is sponsored by the United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Fulbright recipients are among over 40,000 individuals participating in U.S. Department of State exchange programs each year. The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs has funded and supported programs that seek to promote mutual understanding and respect between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. The Fulbright U.S. Student Program is administered by the Institute of International Education. For further information visit <http://fulbright.state.gov> or contact James A. Lawrence, Office of Academic Exchange Programs at 202-453-8531 or e-mail fulbright@state.gov.