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Eight students from Russia, Ukraine and Armenia have begun an intensive training program at the University of California, San Diego's Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies (IR/PS).

The students, who are here as part of the U.S. Information Agency's Muskie Fellowship Program, will participate in a three-week pre-academic program designed to equip them with basic knowledge about American society and culture, politics, and business economics. Subsequently, five of the fellows will remain at IR/PS where they will be enrolled in the Master of Pacific International Affairs (MPIA) and International Career Associates (ICAP) programs. The remaining three fellows will be enrolled in post-graduate programs at other American universities.

The USIA's Muskie Fellowship Program, named for former Secretary of State Edmund S. Muskie, was established by Congress in 1992 under the auspices of the Freedom Support Act, which extends public policy training and assistance to the countries of the former Soviet Union. During their time in the U.S., the fellows will receive training in public policy, economic development, international trade, and management, and will gain skills that they can apply to foster growth and stability in the newly emerging democracies of Eastern Europe.

"We are delighted to host these exceptional students," commented IR/PS Dean Peter Gourevitch. "They are tomorrow's leaders and will help guide their countries along the difficult path to political stability and economic growth."

Approximately 150 students were selected this year to participate in the Muskie Fellowship Program at 50 universities nationwide. The program, considered to be highly competitive, provides funding for graduate-level study in public administration, business administration, economics, and law.

Note: A list of the Muskie Fellows is attached. Those interested in interviewing any of the Fellows should contact Brian Daly (IR/PS) at 534-2777. A VIP reception will be held at IR/PS for the Fellows on Aug. 30 at 5 p.m.

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Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies

Edmund S. Muskie Graduate Fellows

Alexander Borisovich Alexeenko, of Zaporozhye, Ukraine, studied English at Charckov State University. He has worked in marketing and foreign trade since 1988, and has traveled throughout Southeast Asia and Europe. Mr. Alexeenko speaks Russian, Ukrainian, English and German fluently. Most recently he has been employed as the Head of Marketing for Unitrade, Ltd.

Tatyana Kapelush, of Khabarovsk, Russia, studied English Language and Literature at the Far Eastern State University. Since 1992, Ms. Kapelush has worked for the Vladivostok City Government as a consultant for international relations. She is interested in Public Administration.

Vitaly Nicholaevich Klintsov holds a degree in theoretical nuclear physics from Moscow Physics Engineering Institute. His graduate degree in theoretical and mathematical physics is from the Institute of Physics and Power Engineering in Obninsk, Russia. He is currently employed by Komtex, Co. as the Vice Director for Business Development. Mr. Klintsov manages the Russian-US- joint venture ARIMEC, developing investment opportunities, conducting market research and developing new domestic and international business opportunities.

Igor Malinov, of Cheboksary, Russia, majored in Oriental Studies, with an emphasis on China, at the Far Eastern State University in Vladivostok. Mr. Malinov's research interests include economic stabilization and growth, environmental policy and regulation, and social policy under current conditions in China. Since graduation, Mr. Malinov has studied in China, and has worked as an economist in the Sakhalinlesprom Joint-Stock Company.

Dmitry A. Motovilov graduated from the Leningrad State University with a Ph.D in philological science. He holds an undergraduate degree in journalism from the Far Eastern State University of Vladivostok. Dr. Motovilov is a senior lecturer at the Far Eastern State University. His course offerings include: History of Foreign Journalism, Social Theories of the Press and Information as a Commodity.

Noune Yakov Sargisian, of Yerevan, Armenia, studied chemistry at Erevan State University, and later received a Master's in Business Administration from the American University of Armenia. Since graduation, Ms. Sargisian has worked as a Program Assistant for the International Research & Exchanges Board, and as the Editor of an English language newspaper, The Armenian Monitor .

Karine Sarkisian, of Yerevan, Armenia, is Associate Director of Marketing for the Armenian Philharmonic Orchestra. Ms. Sarkisian received her Bachelor's degree in Engineering in 1989 from Yerevan Polytechnic Institute. In 1993 she received her Master's in Business Administration from the American University of Armenia. Since 1993, Ms. Sarkisian has worked as an interpreter for Volunteers in Overseas Cooperative Assistance, and as the Associate Director of Marketing for the Yerevan Government.