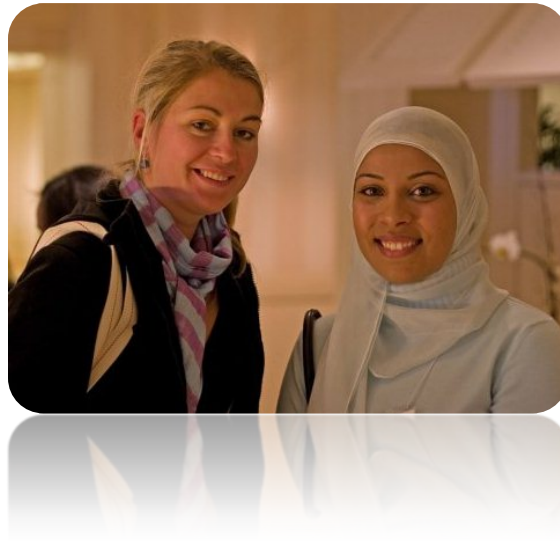




## IIE Prepares for the Annual Fulbright Enrichment Seminar



IIE West Coast Center Fulbright Services Team is gearing up for its annual Fulbright Enrichment Seminar, a three-day event sponsored and hosted by the U. S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) benefitting over 140 first-year Fulbright foreign students from over 60 countries.

This year, the Fulbright Enrichment Seminar will take place in California's capital city, Sacramento. Entitled "U.S. Politics and Elections: Democracy in Action—Ethnicity, Enfranchisement, and the Electorate," Fulbrighters will have the opportunity to explore the dynamics of the 2012 presidential elections and examine the demographic priorities that help determine the political choices of voters.

Representatives from the California Voter Foundation, California Common Cause, The Sacramento Bee, and California State University, Sacramento will lead a panel discussion about democracy in action. The seminar also includes a site visit to the California State Capitol and a community service component in which Fulbright students will have the opportunity to volunteer with Sacramento's Food Bank, Registrar of Voters and HOPE Public Schools. The seminar will culminate in an election simulation exercise, allowing students to apply the concepts they explored during the seminar.

Participating students will leave the seminar with a better understanding of U.S. contemporary life and culture supporting the overall mission of the Fulbright Program—to increase mutual understanding between the United State and other countries.