

## ***The Washington Post* and the Woodrow Wilson Center announce Fellowship for Latin American Journalists**

Washington, D.C. January 22, 2008-- *The Washington Post* and the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars announce the launching of a pilot program to bring five outstanding professional journalists from Latin America to Washington, D.C. to conduct two weeks of reporting on an issue of importance to their home countries concerning hemispheric relations. "This fellowship aims to promote enterprising journalism about the Americas while giving Latin American journalists the experience of working in Washington and in one of the most vibrant and challenging newsrooms in the United States," said *The Washington Post* Managing Editor Philip Bennett.

The convening institutions will develop a number of structured activities during the journalists' stay to give them exposure to newsworthy issues and key actors in the policy community. "The fellowship will serve as an immersion program in the complex political culture of the nation's capital. Grantees will have the unique opportunity to develop sources of information, enter into direct contact with public officials and private institutions, and experience *in situ* how Washington operates," added the Wilson Center's Latin American Program Director Cynthia Arnson.

Applicants from print media (daily and weekly newspapers, and magazines) or online journalists, from Mexico, Brazil, Colombia and El Salvador, with a minimum of 4 years experience and working knowledge of English, are invited to submit a proposal describing their reporting project by March 31, 2008. During the two-week stay, journalists will be given a desk in the newsroom of *The Washington Post* and access to the newspaper's reporters, editors and research staff. "A successful proposal would break new ground on a subject of local or regional importance or involving the relationship between Latin America and the United States. Our goal would be to help produce an original piece of journalism that would be published in the journalist's home media and on [washingtonpost.com](http://washingtonpost.com)," explained Bennett.

A panel made up of representatives from both institutions and outside experts will select the most qualified applicants. The selected journalists will be announced the first week of May. The fellowship will extend from June 15 to June 28, 2008.

Information on how to apply can be found at: [www.wilsoncenter.org/lap](http://www.wilsoncenter.org/lap)

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