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SCHOOL OF THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO IS A TOP PRODUCER OF U.S. FULBRIGHT STUDENTS

Chicago, IL — The Fulbright Program, the U.S. government's flagship international educational exchange program, recently announced the complete list of colleges and universities that produced the most 2010–2011 U.S. Fulbright Students. The success of the top-producing institutions is highlighted in the October 25 online edition of *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

Three students from the **School of the Art Institute of Chicago** (SAIC) won Fulbright awards for 2010–2011, the second largest number among art and design colleges in the country. **Anida Ali** (MFA 2010) will study performance art in Cambodia; **Isac Enriquez** (BFAAE 2010) will study installation art in Brazil; and **Nora Mapp** (BFAW 2010) will study installation art in Canada.

"Our students are examining the role of the artist in the larger global context, and exploring ways that artists and arts scholars can contribute to the dialog around national and international issues. What better way to study this than by practicing their discipline around the world?" said Elissa Tenny, SAIC Provost.

"The Fulbright awards are a wonderful acknowledgement of the value of art and design in our global community. I am especially proud of our students who will participate this year and am confident they will make important contributions on this international stage," said Lisa Wainwright, SAIC Dean of Faculty.

The Fulbright competition is administered at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago through the Office of Career Services.

Under this program, almost 1,700 American students, artists, and young professionals in more than 100 different fields of study have been offered grants to study, teach English, and conduct research in more than 130 countries throughout the world beginning this fall.

Of the 1,700 Fulbright Scholars, 19% are at the Ph.D. degree level, 17% are at the master's level, and 65% are at the bachelor's degree level. Students receiving awards for this academic year applied through 600 colleges or universities. Lists of Fulbright recipients are available at www.fulbrightonline.org/us.

About the School of the Art Institute of Chicago

A leader in educating artists, designers, and scholars since 1866, the School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC) offers nationally accredited undergraduate, graduate, and post-baccalaureate programs to nearly 3,200 students from across the globe. Located in the heart of Chicago, SAIC has an educational philosophy that is built upon an interdisciplinary approach to art and design, giving students unparalleled opportunities to develop their creative and critical abilities, while working with renowned faculty who include many of the leading practitioners in their fields. SAIC's resources include the Art Institute of Chicago and its new Modern Wing; numerous special collections and programming venues provide students with exceptional exhibitions, screenings, lectures, and performances. For more information, please visit www.saic.edu.

About the Fulbright Program

Since its inception in 1946, the Fulbright Program has provided more than 300,000 participants—chosen for their academic merit and leadership potential—with the opportunity to study, teach and conduct research, exchange ideas, and contribute to finding solutions to shared international concerns. In the past 64 years, more than 44,000 students from the United States have benefited from the Fulbright experience. The Fulbright Program is sponsored by the United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

The Fulbright Program also awards grants to American teachers and faculty to conduct research and teach overseas. In addition, some 3,850 new foreign Fulbright students and scholars come to the United States annually to study for graduate degrees, conduct research and teach at U.S. universities, colleges, and secondary schools.

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