

CASE STUDY:

## SHELTON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

AS BOTH A COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND A HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGE, SHELTON STATE Community College was determined to prepare its minority students from low-income households for life in a more globally-diverse world. At the same time, the Tuscaloosa, Alabama college had never had a visiting faculty member on its staff.

In 2006, Shelton State seized upon the opportunities provided by the Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence (SIR) Program. Teaming up with the nearby (and far larger) University of Alabama – which needed a South Asia specialist for its own programs – Shelton State successfully brought M.V. Krishnayya, an emeritus professor at India’s Andhra University, to its community. Dr. Kryshnayya provided Shelton State with an international perspective for its history, sociology, religion, humanities and psychology courses.

Dr. Krishnayya served as a guest lecturer across Shelton State’s social sciences courses, and reviewed the college’s curricula to ensure it reflected a more global perspective. Serving on faculty committees, he also helped fellow scholars look at their courses from a new perspective.

Dr. Krishnayya did not limit his efforts to faculty and curricula development. He assisted the Shelton State branch of the national community college honor society, Phi Theta Kappa, with its annual leadership conference. Attending meetings held by the Alabama Chamber of Commerce and grass roots organization Challenge 21, Dr. Krishnayya taught the surrounding community about Indian culture.

Shelton State used its SIR Program grantee to bring diversity to its campus and surrounding community. Your institution can enjoy similar benefits. Visit [www.CIES.org](http://www.CIES.org) for additional information, including tips on how to successfully apply for Fulbright Scholar-In-Residence. Alma Ford, Program Officer for the SIR Program, can also answer questions and provide further advice. Contact Ms. Ford at (202) 686-6252 or at [sirapps@cies.iie.org](mailto:sirapps@cies.iie.org).

The deadline for proposals is **October 15, 2009**.

