



## FORUM NEWS

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### WELCOME TO THESE NEW FORUM MEMBERS!

Clark University

Northeastern University

### DATES AND DEADLINES

December 16:  
"Demystifying Education  
Abroad Finances"  
webinar

January 15:  
Fireside Dialogue  
Registration

January 15:  
Early Bird Conference  
Registration ends

## Charlotte: An Ideal Conference Location

Have you researched the host city for the Forum's Sixth Annual Conference? Start your pre-departure orientation now!

Temperatures in March will likely be in the mid-60s during the day, perfect for enjoying the best "Walking City" in North Carolina during your free time. Charlotte's cosmopolitan character, upscale restaurants, and impressive art museums and attractions combine with its Southern charm to offer visitors an unforgettable experience.

There is a running joke in Charlotte that visitors only need to visit the Queen City once because they end up moving there afterwards! For more information about the many attributes of the Forum's host city, visit <http://www.charlottesgotalot.com/>  
To register for the conference, visit <http://www.forumea.org/Charlotte2010.htm>

## Conference Travel Grants Awarded

The Forum is pleased to announce that a total of \$1900 has been awarded to six colleagues to help fund their attendance at the Forum's Sixth Annual Conference in Charlotte. "The Forum is pleased to be able to assist colleagues who would otherwise be unable to attend the Annual Conference" said President and CEO Brian Whalen.

## The Forum in India

Forum President and CEO Brian Whalen attended the Association of U.S. Academic Programs in India (AUSAPI) annual meeting in Delhi and conducted a workshop on the Standards of Good Practice. Colleagues from several India universities were also in attendance as well as India-based Education USA Advisors. Hosted at the U.S.- India Educational Foundation (USIEF) campus, the meeting brought together nearly all of the semester and academic-year program sponsors in India to discuss education abroad issues and best practices.

The Forum is partnering with the Institute for International Education (IIE), USIEF, the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) and the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) in a pilot study to collect data on education abroad opportunities for U.S.

students in non-traditional destinations, with India being the first country involved in the project. Another project goal is to assist in building education abroad capacity in these locations through dissemination of and training in the Standards of Good Practice. Forum institutional members and other organizations that sponsor semester or academic-year programs in India should already have received a request to complete a survey regarding their programs. If your organization sponsors a program in India and has not received a survey, please contact the Forum. A survey involving organizations that sponsor short-term programs in India will take place in the near future.

### **Standards Workshop Held in London**

Over thirty participants from the UK, France, Ireland, Italy and the U.S. participated in a Standards of Good Practice workshop held at the Foundation for International Education (FIE) in London on December 9. The workshop was led by Forum President Brian Whalen, and participants received an overview of the history, purpose, structure and content of the Standards as well as training in how to apply them to assess and improve programs. The Forum is grateful to FIE for hosting the workshop and the reception that was held afterwards. Future Forum workshops and events to be convened abroad are now in the planning stages and will be announced in the Forum News.

### *Happy Holidays from the Forum*

*The Forum wishes all of its members, colleagues and friends the happiest of holidays. Thank you to all of the many people who contributed to and supported the Forum in 2008. Please note that the Forum offices will be closed beginning on December 23 and will reopen on January 4, 2010.*

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