

Environmental and Social Responsibility in Education Abroad

The draft of proposed standards for developing and managing environmentally and socially responsible education abroad programs is now available on the web site for member comment, <http://www.forumea.org/standards-toolbox.cfm>. The document has been developed by the sustainability working group of the Standards Committee.

Portland Conference Update

Presentations by the student winners of the Forum's Undergraduate Research Awards are always an exciting part of the annual conference. This year's presentations will be held at the luncheon plenary on Friday, February 20, and will feature all three winning projects. This year's winning projects represent education abroad research on three continents: Mae Moh Group students Ryan Eley, Timothy Grant, Alexandra Kulinkina and Alexandra Sanseverino (Worcester Polytechnic Institute) completed research in Thailand and Jeremy Martin (Middlebury College) conducted his research in South America. Reynolds Whalen (Washington University in St. Louis) will be travelling from Rwanda, where he has returned to work, to present his research project.

It's never too early to plan to nominate students for this prestigious award! The annual deadline for nominations for the Undergraduate Research Award is at the end of June. The Forum encourages its members to plan their nominations in conjunction with their organization's program calendars.

Getting to the Conference Site: The conference hotel is an easy trip on public transportation from the Portland Airport. The Hilton Portland and Executive Tower is just one block from the MAX light rail system, and the Red Line goes directly from the airport to the Pioneer Square stop for a fare of \$2.05! (By taxi the trip is approximately \$35.) For more information, visit <http://trimet.org/schedules/maxredline.htm>.

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