

Deadline is Monday June 30 for Undergraduate Research Award Nominations

The nomination deadline for the Forum Undergraduate Research Award is quickly approaching! Each Forum institutional member may submit two nominations by June 30, 2008. Full information, criteria and application are available at: <http://www.forumea.org/research-awards.htm>.

Each year, the Forum recognizes two students with Undergraduate Research Awards. The winners are invited to present a summary of their research and international experience at the annual conference, and research papers by the winners are published in *Frontiers: The Interdisciplinary Journal of Study Abroad*.

Portland Conference Session and Workshop Proposals

The Forum is currently accepting session and workshop proposals for the 5th Annual Forum Conference to be held at the Downtown Portland Hilton Hotel, February 18 - 20, 2009. The Forum conference theme, "Being There: Teaching and Learning Abroad," focuses on the unique opportunities and challenges of teaching and learning at education abroad sites. Successful proposals will reflect the distinctive format of the Forum conference, which emphasizes dialogue and productive interaction among attendees. Session and workshop proposals must be submitted electronically by August 15, 2008, using the forms available on the Conference page of the Forum web site: <http://www.forumea.org/dialogue-conference.cfm>.

Submissions for Standards Toolbox

The Forum invites members to share examples of their best practices that illustrate the standards and queries laid out in the *Standards of Good Practice for Education Abroad*. These will be considered for inclusion in the [Standards Toolbox](#), a resource designed to help members develop responsible guidelines, protocols, and practices. Electronic files or hyperlinks should be sent to info@forumea.org.

WELCOME!

Welcome to these new Forum members:

East Carolina University

Rochester Institute of Technology

Travel & Education

University of Missouri - Kansas City

STANDARDS UPDATE

The draft of Standards for Short-Term Programs is currently open for member comment in the [Standards Toolbox](#) on the Forum web site. These specific standards are drawn from the Standards of Good Practice for Education Abroad and complemented by additional Standards more relevant to short term programs than to longer programs. When completed, they will provide specific guidelines for short-term education abroad programming, particularly programs that are organized and/or led by home campus faculty.

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