

Conference Proposal Deadline Friday, August 15

The deadline for submitting session and workshop proposals for the Forum's fifth annual conference is this Friday, August 15th. The theme of the conference (February 18-20, 2009), "Being There: Teaching and Learning Abroad," focuses on the unique opportunities and challenges of teaching and learning at education abroad sites. A particular emphasis will be placed on the dynamics of education abroad student learning and the best practice strategies that assure high quality education abroad teaching and learning.

The Forum encourages proposals that address effective and innovative curricula, pedagogies, and assessment methods that advance our understanding of education abroad teaching and learning. Proposals from resident directors, on-site faculty, and host institutions and programs that analyze how students benefit from education abroad's nexus of possibilities are strongly encouraged. Session and workshop proposals should draw on the myriad ways in which teaching is designed and delivered, and how learning is assessed on education abroad programs and at host institutions.

Successful proposals should describe in detail specifically how the proposed session or workshop will actively foster dialogue, interaction and discussion.

Please visit the [conference website](#) for further details and to download a proposal form.

Forum Council Update

The Forum Council gathered in Carlisle on July 18-19, and in a series of lively meetings reviewed its many activities in 2007-08 and its agenda for the coming year. The Council's initiatives and continuing projects include: the addition to the Standards Committee of two new working groups, on sustainability and on marketing; the State of the Field Survey; a collaborative survey on salaries in education abroad, and a research collaboration with IIE; Goals Committee sponsored sessions at the Forum conference; the publication of the Education Abroad Glossary; the publication of a manual for partnering with campus constituencies; the development of a speaker's bureau; and the development of a monograph on the use of outcomes data that will help to connect research results to on-site practice. These and other projects will provide many ways for members to engage with the work of the Forum!

Peer Reviewer Training Workshop in Nashville

The Forum will be offering a QUIP Peer Reviewer Training Workshop immediately following the CIEE conference at the Renaissance Hotel, Nashville, Saturday, November 15 from 2-5 pm. This is an opportunity to become involved in the Forum's Quality Improvement Program, its signature program for quality assessment and assurance. For more information or to register, email: info@forumea.org.

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Welcome to these new Forum institutional members:

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Lafayette College

Landmark College

Ohio State University

Portland State University

DATES TO NOTE

September 15, 2008:
Online conference registration opens

November 15, 2008:
Peer Reviewer Training Workshop in Nashville, TN

February 18-20, 2009:
Fifth Forum Conference, Portland, OR

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