

The Standards in Action

Over the past 11 months, more than 20 institutions and organizations and 25 individuals have brought the Standards of Good Practice for Education Abroad to life. In this Pilot Project, funded by the IFSA Foundation, participating institutions have completed a guided self-study, followed by an onsite evaluation by peer reviewers.

In late November, representatives from those institutions, along with Peer Reviewers, members of the Standards Committee of the Forum Council, and members of the Board of Directors' Standards Task Force will gather in Carlisle, PA. Called the Standards Summit, this landmark meeting will provide a venue for discussing the experience and outcomes of the review process, offering valuable feedback on the Standards in action. We're looking forward to lively discussions!



Results of the Pilot Project will be published in a report, to be released at the Forum Conference in Austin, TX.

Spotlight on the Conference: Lessons Learned from the Standards Pilot Project

On the first morning of the Forum Conference, two repeating sessions will provide firsthand perspectives from peer reviewers and organizations that participated in the Forum Standards Pilot Project. The focus will be on the benefits, challenges and lessons learned in the process of applying the Forum's Standards of Good Practice for Education Abroad. Topics will include:

- Taming the Task: Managing the Self-Study
- The Impact of the Standards Reviews on the Organization/Institution
- The Academic Areas of the Standards: Curriculum, Academic Framework, Learning Environment and Student Learning and Development
- The Standards at Home and Abroad: Ethics and Integrity, Mission, Policies and Procedures, Organizational and Program Resources
- The Standards and Our Students: Student Selection, Code of Conduct, Health, Safety and Security

The Standards At Large

The standards were discussed in the September/October issue of *International Educator* magazine. The article, entitled "The NEW Internship Abroad," discussed the establishment of the standards, their scope and the five key questions that help institutions measure quality of internships. President and CEO Brian Whalen was quoted on good quality control mechanisms.

WELCOME TO THE FORUM NEWS!

We're proud to have over 100 new subscribers from the SECUSS-L discussion list, the ACE International Collaborative, the new Forum website, and our member institutions.

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