

Focus on Outcomes Assessment

The field of education abroad is always seeking better data about learning outcomes to improve programs and advocate for the value of education abroad. To support this work, the Forum will publish a *Guide to Outcomes Assessment in Education Abroad* in March 2007. Edited by Mell Bolen, this essential publication will provide tools for implementing outcomes assessment as a part of education abroad programming.

The topics covered by the *Guide* will include:

- Chapter I: The Place of Outcomes in Higher Education Today and the Implications for Study Abroad by Michael Steinberg and Lee Miller (ed.)
- Chapter II: Research Design in Assessing Learning Outcomes of Study Abroad Programs by Richard Sutton, Ann Miller, Donald Rubin, and Pat Martin (ed.)
- Chapter III: Areas of Study in Outcomes Assessment by Joy Evans and Elaine Meyer-Lee (ed.)
- Chapter IV: Defining Terms for Use in Designing Outcomes' Projects by Chip Peterson, Bill Hoffa, Kim Kreutzer, and Lilli Engle (ed.)
- Chapter V: Literature and Resources for Outcomes Assessment by Mick Vande Berg, Skye Stephenson, Sophie Gladding, Gary Rhodes, and David Comp (ed.)
- Chapter VI: Using Instruments for Education Abroad Outcomes Assessment by R. Michael Paige, Elizabeth M. Stallman, and Mell Bolen (ed.)
- Chapter VII: Funding Sources in Outcomes' Projects by Maia Stierankova, Veronique Dozier, and Mell Bolen (ed.)
- Chapter VIII: How to Begin: Key Decision Points in the Assessment Process by Lee Sternberger, Bruce La Brack, and Brian Whalen (ed.)
- Chapter IX: How and Why to Use Results of The Studies by Darla Deardorff

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