



Special Announcement

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New: The Forum Quality Improvement Program (QUIP) For Education Abroad

The Forum on Education Abroad announces an exciting new program that will change the future of education abroad. To further its strategic goal of developing and implementing standards to improve the quality of education abroad programs, the Forum on Education Abroad is introducing its **Quality Improvement Program (QUIP) for Education Abroad**.

QUIP consists of a guided self-study and peer review process, resulting in a comprehensive report and recommendations in the areas of program design, evaluation and assessment, marketing and promotion, student advising, and resources and operations.

Unlike accreditation, QUIP supports an institution's own quality assurance initiatives and can be easily adapted to organizations with different philosophies and infrastructures.

QUIP is based on the Forum's *Standards of Good Practice for Education Abroad*, which were developed in consultation with many colleges and universities and third party providers. Hundreds of education abroad professionals have contributed to the Standards.

Those institutions and organizations participating in QUIP will benefit from its rigorous, systematic, and objective self-study and peer review process to improve the quality of education abroad programs. This is an ideal program for Forum member organizations that are in the process of re-accreditation or simply seeking to evaluate and improve their operations.

As national calls for accountability in higher education intensify, implementing the Standards of Good Practice for Education Abroad will be the vital challenge for our field. We invite you to participate in this important work!

Visit [the Forum website](http://theforum.org) for complete information about the development, scope and goals of QUIP. Please contact the Forum at 717-245-1031 or info@forumea.org with any questions.

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