

Dear Forum Participants:

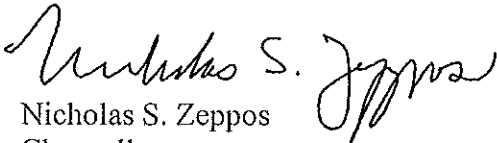
Vanderbilt University is pleased to be a host institution for the Sixth Annual Conference of the Forum on Education Abroad. We support and applaud the efforts of the Forum to improve education abroad by developing standards of good practice and promoting curricular integration and assessment.

As one of the leading research universities in the nation, Vanderbilt offers undergraduate programs in the arts and sciences, engineering, music, and education, as well as a full range of graduate and professional degrees. Cutting-edge research, strong liberal arts, nationally-recognized professional schools, and a distinguished medical center combine to create an environment where students tailor their education to fulfill their aspirations, and researchers and scholars collaborate to answer complex questions about our society and culture, our health, and the world in which we live.

From area studies coursework to humanitarian service projects abroad, opportunities abound for Vanderbilt students to immerse themselves in a full range of international, academic, service and cultural programs. Vanderbilt is proudly committed to preparing global citizens by providing innovative and high quality international learning experiences. Our Global Education Office (GEO) offers a wide range of international learning and global engagement experiences for students. Students can choose from over 100 enriching and unique overseas programs, including the award-winning Vanderbilt Initiative for Scholarship and Global Engagement (VISAGE) program, where students participate in a year-long rigorous service-learning program designed to develop global civic leaders.

I encourage you to take full advantage of the many opportunities available to you as Forum participants and to engage in the many activities available at the Charlotte conference to inspire and expand your institution's international educational experience.

Sincerely,


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