



Southern District E-Newsletter

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Chair's Corner

Southern District Mini Conference – Save the Date: July 2012

Your Southern District Team is in the process of organizing a Mini Conference to enhance your international education experience and knowledge. We will offer workshops for student, scholar and education abroad advisors. Stay tuned for more details.

NAFSA Annual Conference and Expo May 27 – June 1 Houston, Texas George R. Brown Convention Center

- ❖ Did you apply for the Region XII 2012 NAFSA Annual Conference and Expo Registration Grant? One grant was available for each Region XII district. If you missed the March 23rd, deadline, there are more ways to save money while attending the conference. Here are just a few.
- ❖ Do you want to meet other colleagues in the field of international education and learn more about NAFSA? [Volunteer](#) at the conference! Depending on the number of hours you work, you can receive partial or even full reimbursement of your conference registration fee! In addition it is a great way to meet fellow NAFSAN's from around the world. NAFSA has several budgeting tips for the NAFSA National Conference.
- ❖ Register before April 13 to receive the early-bird discount, after this date, the registration fee increases.
- ❖ Share a hotel room with another colleague. You can [book your hotel room](#) now before the April 17th deadline.
- ❖ Take advantage of the [travel and transportation](#) discounts available through NAFSA.

Find out more information on the NAFSA Annual Conference website at <http://www.nafsa.org/annualconference>

Region XII Meeting at the NAFSA Annual Conference

Mark your calendars for the [Region XII Meeting May 30th from 5:30 to 6:30](#). Check the NAFSA Conference schedule for the room location. Meet your colleagues in Region XII and the Southern District. See you there!

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International Scholar Updates

Currently, prevailing wage determinations for H-1B petitions are taking close to 60 days with the Department of Labor.

USCIS announced that the Fiscal Year 2013 H-1B season will begin April 2, 2012. USCIS will begin accepting H-1B petitions subject to the FY2013 cap.

The Department of State has released the Visa Bulletin for April 2012. Priority dates in several employment-based (EB) categories moved ahead, although it stayed the same from last month Visa Bulletin. Find the April 2012 Visa Bulletin here:

http://www.travel.state.gov/visa/bulletin/bulletin_5674.html

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Education Abroad Updates

Brazil Visa Laws Have Changed

The process, requirements, and website of the Consulate- General of Brazil in Los Angeles have completely changed. A FBI Clearance will now be required to process the student visa. The instructions for this important requirement are included here: <http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/background-checks/submitting-an-identification-record-request-to-the-fbi>. The FBI can sometimes take up to 12 weeks to process this document. Students will need to have this document ready by the time they apply for their visa. For more information on the changes to Brazil's student visa process, please go to <http://losangeles.itamaraty.gov.br/en-us/>.

Diversity Network Summer Scholarship Application Now Open

In cooperation with the STA Travel, Diversity Abroad Network will offer twenty summer scholarships in the amount of \$500 for full-time undergraduate (both community college and university level) students who attend a member institution. Applications are now open. [Learn more here](#)

10,000 Scholarships Available to U.S. Students to Study in China

In support of President Obama's 100,000 Strong Initiative, the Chinese Ministry of Education is offering 10,000 scholarships through the China Scholarship Council for American students to study at many of their top universities. These scholarships are offered under the U.S.-China Consultation on People-to-People Exchange (CPE) and are therefore called the "CPE scholarships." They are available only to students whose schools can accept credit-transfer from their school's Chinese partner university. [Learn More](#)

Do you have trouble reading international academic records? If so, IERF has a new publication to add to your international library - the *Index of Educational Terms*! IERF also awards grants to support research related to international admissions or credential evaluation. Keep reading for information about both the publication and the grant opportunity:

Index of Educational Terms

International Education Research Foundation (IERF) is proud to announce the release of the *Index of Educational Terms*, the latest addition to the *Country Index Series*. This 146-page publication focuses on common terms found on international academic records. It includes educational glossaries from 10 major languages around the world, such as Arabic, Chinese, and Russian. A complimentary copy is available for representatives from educational institutions. For more information, please go to www.ierf.org or email countryindex@ierf.org.

Sepmeyer Research Grant

International Education Research Foundation (IERF) is pleased to announce the Sepmeyer Research Grant program, which sponsors research that supports the work of the international admissions and credentials evaluation community.

Grants up to \$1000 are awarded and is open to all persons, regardless of citizenship and country of residence. Research topics should focus on international education systems and the evaluation of foreign academic credentials. Applications are considered twice a year (February 15 and August 15). For more information, please see go to: http://ierf.org/index.php/institutions/research_grants/.

Community College Updates:

NAFSA Conference:

If you are planning to attend the NAFSA Conference in Houston, make sure to sign up for the Community College luncheon scheduled for Thursday, May 31, 2012 from 12 – 1:30pm. The Guest speakers are Walter Bumphus, PhD, President of the American Association of Community Colleges speaking on the topic of "Community Colleges and International Education" and the Houston Community College Chancellor, Mary Spangler, PhD.

California Colleges for International Education (CCIE):

CCIE is a non-profit, educational consortium for International Education and Study Abroad Programs and is made up of California community colleges. CCIE is dedicated to the ideal of increasing international understanding through education. For more information, please send inquiries to: Dr. Rosalind Latiner Raby at rabyrl@aol.com. Below are updates from CCIE:

FULL SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDY IN KOREA FOR FALL 2012

California Council of International Education has been awarded Full scholarships for Fall Semester 2012 to study in Soonchunhyang University in Korea. These scholarships are only for students from CCIE member colleges who are current with their dues. The scholarship includes the following:

- Tuition
- airfare (up to \$ 700). Students must buy their own tickets. When they arrive in Korea, there will be a bank account already in their name with half of the airfare amount reimbursed for their initial living expenses. When they complete the program, they will receive the second half of this money.
- room/board (not meals, books or daily expenses)
- weekly living expense support of 150,000 W (approximately \$ 100). It is suggested that students bring with them \$ 100 - \$ 200 for the first few weeks, especially if they want to travel prior to the beginning of school.

Students will take courses in Korean Language; Korean Cultural Experience and Heritage; Social & Cultural History of Korea; Korean/American Relations; Korean Political Economy; Korean Business and Economics; Understanding Korean Education; Comparative Family Systems. In addition, students will spend 15 hours per week in the “cultural and language ambassador” program in which they converse with Korean students studying at Soonchunhyang University and share cultural information. Academic credits offered by Soonchunhyang University, which is a fully accredited university. Students DO NOT NEED TO KNOW ANY KOREAN TO APPLY.

This is not a group study abroad program, but rather an individually designed program and as such, medical insurance must be obtained privately by an international insurance provider before arrival on campus. The study abroad advisor should be able to assist you with this criteria. Soonchunhyang University was founded in 1978 and offers undergraduate programs in 5 colleges: Humanities; Social Sciences; Natural Sciences; Engineering and Medicine; and Graduate programs in 3 schools: Graduate School; School of Education and School of Industrial information. The university is located on Central West Coast of South Korea, and is located nearby famous resort destinations and cultural attractions. There is a custom of consuming alcohol, sometimes in excess, including in the dormitories on Korean campuses.

The Soonchunhyang University Web-Page is at <http://sgee.sch.ac.kr> (English tab is located in the upper right). Important links on this web-page:

- Home column: Download Brochure - the brochure entitled "Study Abroad with a Cultural Internship" is a concise description of our unique internship program and is a good place to start for students and parents.
- Academics column: Courses - includes a summary of semester course requirements and a description of all SCH courses available to international students (those taught in English). Obviously all courses are not offered every semester. The specific courses being taught for a given semester and their respective syllabi will be available approximately 3 months before the start of each semester. It is important for applicants to know that the Spring semester in Korea begins in March, not January. We are aware students need these syllabi to be reviewed by faculty to determine if a particular course will transfer to their home university.

Academic Calendar: contains application deadlines, semester start and end dates, official student arrival dates and dormitory move in dates.

- APPLICATION PROCEDURE – (NOTE - THIS IS A NEW PROCEDURE)
- Go to Prospective Students column:
 - Step 1: applicants complete basic personal and academic information and submit this information electronically.
 - Step 2: Once this form is submitted, the applicant will automatically be directed to next steps. All forms are available as downloadable MS Word documents so students can complete and send them to us electronically, preferably all as attachments to one email.

NOTE: In addition to these forms, students must submit

- 1.) A letter from your college study abroad advisor indicating that they are aware of your application for this scholarship.
- 2.) A 500 word essay indicating why they deserve the scholarship

NOTE: Applicants are required to scan and email their official college/university transcript and their passport if they have one at the time of application. A passport is not required at the time of application but is required to apply for a visa if accepted. The student must have a passport number ASAP after acceptance so as to not delay the visa process.

Send via e-mail to a copy of all downloaded documents to Dr. Rosalind Raby: rabyrl@aol.com

- 1.) A copy of the completed application
- 2.) a letter indicating that the study abroad coordinator on your campus is aware that you are applying for this scholarship
- 3) a 500 word essay indicating why you want to study in Korea and how your studies will benefit you in your future studies/profession
- 4.) a copy of your unofficial transcripts. Please e-mail to rabyrl@aol.com your unofficial transcripts.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION - DUE APRIL 27: For Scholarship information, please contact Dr. Rosalind Latiner Raby at rabyrl@aol.com.

10,000 Scholarships Available to U.S. Students to Study in China

Please read information on the scholarship below. If anyone has a program that DOES NOT go to any of the institutions listed please contact Rosalind Latiner Raby, Ph.D. Director, California Colleges for International Education (CCIE) at (818) 882-9931 or rabyrl@aol.com ASAP so CCIE can advocate for changes. If anyone has such a defined program and will have students apply, also please let Rosalind know as soon as possible.

Dear IENetwork Members:

We are pleased to share with you the below announcement from Carola McGiffert, Director of the 100,000 Strong Initiative at the U.S. Department of State:

If your college or university has formal, credit-transfer partnerships with any of the Chinese universities listed below, your students may be eligible for full scholarships for semester or yearlong programs in China!

In support of President Obama's 100,000 Strong Initiative, the Chinese Ministry of Education is offering 10,000 scholarships through the China Scholarship Council for American students to study at many of their top universities. These scholarships are offered under the U.S.-China Consultation on People-to-People Exchange (CPE) and are therefore called the "CPE scholarships." They are available only to students whose schools can accept credit-transfer from their school's Chinese partner university. See the list of approved Chinese universities below.

The scholarships cover all in-country costs, including tuition, housing, and an appropriate stipend. They do not cover airfare to China.

- To apply, study abroad offices should contact partner universities in China DIRECTLY and ask about the CPE scholarships available to your students.
- There are also scholarships available for American students to enroll directly at the Chinese universities listed below for full-degree programs. Please contact the Chinese universities directly for information on those scholarships (which are different than the CPE scholarships).
- Additional information on the 100,000 Strong Initiative can be found at www.state.gov/100000strong.
- If your university does not currently have a partnership with a Chinese university, the Department of State's EducationUSA can help you develop one! Go to www.educationusa.state.gov for details.
- For information on U.S. government-funded scholarships to study abroad, go to www.exchanges.state.gov.

The U.S.-China relationship is perhaps the most consequential bilateral relationship of our time, and we must ensure that our young people are gaining China-related skills and knowledge to compete and succeed in the 21st century. Studying in China can help open doors for your students personally and professionally. Please encourage your students to apply for these scholarships and become one of President Obama's 100,000 Strong!

List of Chinese Universities Where American Students Are Eligible for CPE Scholarships

PEKING UNIVERSITY
RENMIN UNIVERSITY OF CHINA
TSINGHUA UNIVERSITY
BEIHANG UNIVERSITY
BEIJING INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
CHINA AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY
BEIJING NORMAL UNIVERSITY
MINZU UNIVERSITY OF CHINA
NANKAI UNIVERSITY

TIANJIN UNIVERSITY
DALIAN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY
NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
JILIN UNIVERSITY
HARBIN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
FUDAN UNIVERSITY
TONGJI UNIVERSITY
SHANGHAI JIAOTONG UNIVERSITY
EAST CHINA NORMAL UNIVERSITY

NANJING UNIVERSITY
SOUTHEAST UNIVERSITY
ZHEJIAN UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY OF
CHINA
XIAMEN UNIVERSITY
SHANDONG UNIVERSITY
OCEAN UNIVERSITY OF CHINA
WUHAN UNIVERSITY
HUAZHONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE &
TECHNOLOGY
HUNAN UNIVERSITY
CENTRAL SOUTH UNIVERSITY
SUN YAT-SEN UNIVERSITY
SOUTH CHINA UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY
SICHUAN UNIVERSITY
CHONGQING UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY OF ELECTRONIC SCIENCE &
TECHNOLOGY OF CHINA
XI'AN JIAOTONG UNIVERSITY
NORTHWEST POLYTECHNICAL UNIVERSITY
NORTHWEST A&F UNIVERSITY

LANGZHOU UNIVERSITY
HUAZHONG UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY OF INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS &
ECONOMICS
JIANGNAN UNIVERSITY
TIANJIN MEDICAL UNIVERSITY
NANJING AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY
DONGHUA UNIVERSITY
SOUTHWEST JIAOTONG UNIVERSITY
TIANJIN UNIVERSITY OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE
MEDICINE
BEIJING JIAOTONG UNIVERSITY
CHINA UNIVERSITY OF GEOSCIENCES (WUHAN)
UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
BEIJING
CHINA PHARMACEUTICAL UNIVERSITY
WUHAN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY
HOHAI UNIVERSITY
HUAZHONG AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY
BEIJING UNIVERSITY OF POSTS &
TELECOMMUNICATIONS
NORTH CHINA ELECTRIC POWER UNIVERSITY

