



International Update

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International Research and Projects:

We hope to receive a line or two about any international research or projects that are being undertaken. Please email to kpunteney@csuchico.edu

- **Dr. Neil Schwartz**, Psychology, Coordinating a conference in Austria on Meaningful Computer-Based Learning Environments.
- **Dr. Shekhar Misra**, Finance and Marketing, will be spending part of his sabbatical in Spring 2008 studying sustainable business practices in India. He is also working with faculty at the Indian Institute of Forest Management on the marketing of non-timber forest products in a sustainable manner.

Campus Internationalization Updates:

- **Dramatic Jump in Foreign Language Enrollments at U.S. Institutions** Enrollment in foreign language courses at U.S. institutions has jumped dramatically in the past few years, with a remarkable increase in students pursuing Arabic, according to the Modern Language Association's survey.
- **Integrating International Students Task Group:** Exploring options for providing social opportunities during International Student Orientation, creating a weekly coffee hour, getting students involved in clubs and campus activities, providing a short-term home-stay option.
- **Faculty and Staff Development Task Group:** Preparing a Staff Development Workshop to be offered in January 2008 on enhancing cross-cultural communication skills.

International Opportunities:

- **Internship: EducationUSA Advising Center in Mexico City** Paid intern will work closely with the advising team at the largest EducationUSA Advising Center in Latin America, helping Mexican students research opportunities for U.S. study.
- **Scholarships for Students or Faculty to Study in Germany**
 - [Undergraduate study, research, or internships, 4-10 months](#)
 - [Undergraduate and Graduate literature, politics, culture, and economics summer course](#)
 - [Graduate student intensive language study, summer course](#)
 - [Faculty language study, 4-8 weeks](#)
- **Research Grants for U.S. Graduate Students to Study in Central Europe** Grants available for U.S. Graduate Students to conduct research in Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Poland, or Slovakia in Summer 2008.
- **NSEP Fellowships for Foreign Language Study Funding** available to support Graduate students in studying languages critical to U.S. national security. Study may be in the U.S. or overseas.
- **DiversityAbroad.com Study Abroad Scholarships**
 - Scholarships for African-American students to study abroad in Turkey
 - Grants for under-represented minority students to share their experiences abroad with other students

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