



Selected Faculty Development and Leadership Opportunities

2007 – 2008

The following international education opportunities are available through the Wang Center. Please contact Charry Benston at benstocl@plu.edu or ext. 7628 if you are interested in any of these. The professional development and study/travel programs noted are typically available at reasonable rates; some may qualify for Wang Center grants, Regency Advancement Awards, or other university funding. Please note that the application process is different for each opportunity, and department chair, dean, and other approvals are usually required.

Semester Program Site Director

There are several opportunities to serve as the faculty site director for semester abroad programs. Locations include PLU gateway programs in Chengdu, China; Oaxaca, Mexico (Spanish language fluency required); Trinidad and Tobago. Through the university's involvement in the ILACA consortium, opportunities also exist in London, England and Granada, Spain (Spanish language fluency required).

The site director typically teaches one course, serves as the local liaison with the program director (off-site for Gateways; on-site for London and Granada), and guides the students' educational and co-curricular experiences. Site directorships are paid at one's regular PLU salary, with appointments generally made a year or more in advance of the assignment start date.

Short-term Off-Campus Course Leader

Every year PLU sends close to 400 students with faculty to learn all over the world on short term courses. While most of this study away occurs in January, summer session programs are also an option. J-Term course proposals are typically due up to 2 years in advance of the courses being offered; for example, 2009 & 2010 proposals are due in the Wang Center by **November 1, 2007**.

Short-term Off-Campus Faculty Assistant

Faculty who have not led an off-campus program, and want to consider doing so before proposing a course, may apply to serve as a J-term faculty assistant with a seasoned faculty leader. Priority is given to faculty in tenured and tenure-track positions who are interested in leading off-campus programs in the future, and requires chair and dean agreement.

Faculty who serve as assistants do not receive course credit for the experience; they receive their regular, contracted compensation for the month of January and coverage of course-related travel expenses.

Wang Grants

Each year the Wang Center, in collaboration with the Global Education Committee, awards a number of grants to support faculty international research, collaborative faculty/student research, and student research by experienced travelers. The faculty development seminar opportunities described below may also qualify for Wang grants. The application deadline for 2008-2009 awards is **February 22, 2008**.

CIEE – www.ciee.org

Considered one of the leading U.S. non-governmental international education organizations, for over 50 years CIEE has been creating and administering programs that allow high school and university students and educators to study, volunteer, work and teach abroad. PLU is a member institution.

- ***International Faculty Development Seminars*** – CIEE annually offers nearly two dozen study seminars to all parts of the world, each focused on an area of academic interest. These opportunities bring together U.S. faculty, international faculty, and local experts for an intellectual exchange of ideas. Listings may be found on their web site at <http://ciee.org/IFDS.aspx>.

IES – www.iesabroad.org

Another leading provider of study abroad experiences for over 50 years, IES is a non-profit consortium to which PLU has belonged for decades.

- ***Site Visits*** – IES offers site visits to their centers, providing faculty and study abroad administrators the opportunity to gain first-hand knowledge of IES program details. These trips also introduce participants to an interesting aspect of current academic scholarship through a featured theme addressed in lectures and field trips.
- ***Faculty Development Seminars*** – Each year, IES offers faculty seminars for consortium members. Past examples include: The Islamic Presence in Spain and Europe (Granada, Spain) and Internationalizing Environmental Studies (Adelaide, Australia). In Summer 2007 Professor Tamara Williams participated in the Faculty Development Seminar in Buenos Aires: Argentine Modernism in an Age of Transformation. If you are interested in being informed of future seminar topics please contact Charry Benston at ext. 7628.
- ***Visiting Scholars Program*** – IES awards grants to faculty for week-long participation in a structured activity at an IES Center, such as offering a guest lecture or running a seminar. Grants range from \$500 to \$1000 and provide participants with the opportunity to enrich current research or teaching practices and gain a better understanding of study abroad. Applicants should have existing plans (e.g. sabbatical or other professional pursuit) near an IES program site. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis throughout the year. Please let Charry know if this may be of interest to you and of your overseas travel plans; she needs to know well in advance of your departure to make this work.

School for Field Studies – www.fieldstudies.org

Since 1980, The School for Field Studies (SFS) has been teaching students to address critical environmental problems using an interdisciplinary, experiential approach to education. Students in SFS programs work and learn in research stations in Costa Rica, Turks and Caicos, Kenya, Australia, and Mexico, examining the interdependent cultural, economic, and ecological aspects of real-world problems.

- ***Sabbatical Program*** – Through this program, SFS provides visiting faculty the opportunity to teach or conduct research at any of their field stations. No salary is paid, but there may be in-kind support in the form of room and board and use of facilities in exchange for research collaboration or guest lecturing.

Other opportunities

Sometimes other opportunities are presented to us to send a faculty or staff member to an overseas site. Please be sure we know of your regional or country specific locations interests so we know who to alert if this occurs.