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July 26-28, 2017
Indianapolis, IN

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The Institute for Study Abroad, Butler University welcomes your abstracts for speed sessions, workshop presentations, and Ted-style talks for our upcoming IFSA-Butler Conference, "How Do We Foster Inclusive Excellence in Education Abroad?"

The conference will be held from July 26-28, 2017 at the Alexander Hotel in Indianapolis, Indiana. Conference participation, double accommodation, and meals are complimentary to all participants.

**ABSTRACTS DUE:
January 31, 2017**

How Do We Foster Inclusive Excellence in Education Abroad?

Developed by the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U), Inclusive Excellence proposes to shift diversity efforts from a focus on numbers and representation to a more comprehensive examination of the entire higher education system, including structures, policies, and processes. Rather than viewing diversity as a stand-alone issue, Inclusive Excellence charges institutions to make their excellence inclusive by uncovering systemic inequities to student success, developing effective and equitable educational practices, and building frameworks for sustained institutional inclusion, developing richer learning environments for all constituents.

IFSA-Butler is committed to ensuring our programs and practices are inclusive, reflect the value we place on diverse perspectives, and support all learners who collectively enrich our educational communities. Embracing Inclusive Excellence throughout our practices and embedding this principle into our programs ensures that our students, staff, and instructors receive the benefit of the diverse perspectives among us, which in turn enriches the learning experience for all.

In order to develop equity-minded practitioners, we must be willing to engage in the necessary, and often difficult conversations that can lead to transformational change. Join us to be part of that discussion and contribute your rich interest and knowledge to this important topic.

Abstract requirements:

- Maximum 300 words describing the scope of the topic you would like to contribute to the conference (self-nomination only, please). The selection committee will review all submissions and notify selected presenters in early spring 2017. Those selected may be paired with others to collaborate on similar topics.
- If you have a preference, you may also indicate your interest in presenting a specific type of session:

■ Speed session

Intended to be practical and timely, these 30-minute sessions focus on best practices for advising, curriculum, assessment, recruitment, or other issues pertinent to diversity and inclusion.

■ Workshop presentation

Pushing beyond the traditional panel presentation, workshops will combine presenters with related topics to collaborate in a longer-format session for a more engaged experience with participants.

■ Ted-style talk

One of the most celebrated components from the 2016 IFSA-Butler conference, these provocative 30-minute presentations address unique or challenging topics for consideration.

Submit your Inclusive Excellence presentation abstract to conferencesubmission@ifsa-butler.org. Abstracts should be received by January 31, 2017. We look forward to collaborating with you to make this IFSA-Butler Conference the best one yet!

All abstract submissions must be received by January 31, 2017.