

## Apply for Research Project on Long-Term Impact of Study Abroad

Through a special arrangement with a research team at the University of Minnesota, selected Forum institutional members will be able to participate in *Beyond immediate impact: Study abroad for global engagement (SAGE)*, a research project that will document the long-term impact of the study abroad experience by surveying and interviewing study abroad alumni. "The Forum is pleased to offer its members this opportunity to document education abroad outcomes," said Brian Whalen, President and CEO of the Forum.

The SAGE project, funded by the U.S. Department of Education, is being overseen by [R. Michael Paige](#) and Gerald W. Fry. Michael will be at the Forum conference in Austin, and will be happy to meet with people there who are interested in the project.

The SAGE project will be the most comprehensive and in-depth study of the long-term impact of study abroad to date. This research program seeks to examine the long-term personal, professional, and social capital outcomes associated with study abroad experiences that occur during the college years.

Information will be gathered by surveying and interviewing study abroad alumni that studied abroad from as recently as 2005 to as far back as 50 years ago. In order to be selected for participation in the project, institutions will be required to have records and current contact information of alumni that studied abroad at least 30 years ago and preferably longer. A small amount of funding in the range of \$3,000 - \$5,000 will be available for each participating institution to help defray some of the cost associated with participation.

To find out more about the project, visit:

<http://www.forumea.org/research-sage.htm>

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We still need volunteers to serve as Lead Recorders and Facilitators for Saturday morning sessions. You can find more information at:

<http://www.forumea.org/documents/News1-29-07.pdf>

### HELPFUL HINTS

- Taxis from the airport to the Sheraton Austin cost around \$25. The hotel "formerly known as the Marriott at the Capitol" is 701 East 11th Street.
- Internet is available at the hotel for around \$10 a day. There will also be two email stations provided by the host institution, University of Texas at Austin.
- Bring your swimsuit. The hotel has both an indoor and outdoor pool. In addition to the excellent fitness center, Steve Bell will lead joggers each day at 6:30am.