

## CALL FOR COLLABORATORS

### **Resident Directors in Europe: Who We Are, What We Do, and How We Feel About Our Roles**

A Research Project of the European Association of Study Abroad (EUASA)

At the Forum on Education Abroad Conference in Prague in October 2018, the Critical Dialogue session focused on study abroad Resident Directors in Europe; the career, responsibilities, expectations, challenges, and diversity of our roles. An outcome of that session was a proposal to conduct a study on the role, understanding, responsibility, career, challenges, concerns, satisfaction, and support for study abroad Resident Directors, specifically those living and working in Europe. This study would be survey-based, and would rely on the cooperation of Resident Directors across Europe. It has been proposed that this study be an official project of the European Association of Study Abroad (EUASA). The overall aim would be to have a presentation at either the Forum Annual Conference, March 25-27, 2020 in Kansas City, or the Forum European Conference in Fall 2020 (location TBD). A manuscript will also be submitted for publication. A longer version report may be published by EUASA.

It is proposed that a study team be established, with one team member from each country member of EUASA, plus members from other non-member countries where possible. Study team members would be responsible for helping to develop the survey questions, distributing the surveys amongst their country colleagues and encouraging a significant number of responses, and helping to compile and interpret the study results. Study team members may or may not decide to get involved in the preparation and delivery of the conference presentation and manuscript. All study team members would be credited as authors on the study. The study team will be led by Dr. Stephen Robinson of Champlain College Dublin, and Deputy Chair of EUASA.

#### **SCHEDULE 2019:**

**January 15 - 30** - establishing the study team membership

**February 1 – 28** - study team working together to produce the survey structure and questions - collaboration via Google Docs

**March 1** - survey questions to be submitted to the Institutional Review Board of Champlain College, Burlington, Vermont, USA. IRB permission required as we will be asking personal questions. Champlain's IRB meets March 23 and need the project information 3 weeks in advance.

**April 15 - May 31** - survey distribution period

**May 31 - July 31** - survey data interpretation

**September** - proposal due for Forum 2020 conference.

For the first step we need the help of country organizations to survey their members and propose a study team member to join this project as a country representative. It not expected there would be a need for the study team to meet in person, but the role would require participation online in several meetings, helping to develop survey questions (communication through email and Google Docs), and survey distribution amongst their in-country resident director colleagues.

If you are a Resident Director and like to get more information, please contact Stephen Robinson at [srobinson@champlain.edu](mailto:srobinson@champlain.edu)

