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Diversity Abroad Announces Winners of Diversity Network Innovation Grant

*University of Maryland, University of Georgia, and Wake Forest University
Selected for Commitment to Supporting the Advancement
of Diversity and Equity in Education Abroad*

OAKLAND, CA – August 1, 2012 – Diversity Abroad, the leading international organization which connects diverse students, recent graduates and young professionals with international study, intern, and job opportunities, today announced that University of Maryland, University of Georgia, and Wake Forest University have been awarded the 2012 Diversity Abroad Network Innovation Grant. Sponsored by CAPA International Education, a global leader in academic learning abroad, this grant will provide these universities with the funding to continue its commitment to addressing issues of diversity, equity and underrepresentation in international education through innovation.

"The University of Maryland Institute for International Programs is honored by this recognition from the Diversity Network," said Dr. Ross Lewin, Associate Vice President for International Affairs of the University of Maryland. "The Innovation Grant to fund this documentary film project will play an important role in advancing the university's international goals as well as in fulfilling our core commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion."

"We at the University of Georgia are delighted to receive a Diversity Network Innovation Grant. The activities funded by the grant will help us identify innovative ways to broaden the participation of students from underrepresented groups in study abroad," said Kavita Pandit, Associate Provost for International Education of the University of Georgia. "Beyond this, they will strengthen the linkages between international and multicultural offices and student groups on our campus."

The Diversity Abroad Network Innovation Grant for 2012 focused on four key areas of diversity in education: 1) Recruitment strategies; 2) Research efforts to support diversity in education abroad; 3) Collaboration between international education offices and offices at institutions that serve diverse student groups; and 4) Promoting diversity engagement in host countries. The winners were selected for demonstrating excellence in any and all of these initiatives.

"Diversity in education abroad is one of the key tenets of our program and something we will continue to support wholeheartedly. Diversity Abroad has been a valued partner of ours for many years and we were delighted to sponsor this grant on its behalf," said John Christian, President and CEO of CAPA International Education. "All three universities that were selected exhibited strength and leadership in helping promote diversity and we're pleased to be providing them with the means to take their program to an even bigger group of beneficiaries."

"This year we received excellent submissions for the Diversity Network Innovation Grant. The three institutions awarded the funding submitted very innovative and competitive proposals. Their activities and projects will no doubt lead to greater participation of underrepresented students in education abroad at their respective institutions and serve as a model for other universities," said Andrew Gordon, President of Diversity Abroad. "We applaud CAPA International Education for continuing to support such an important cause and provide the funding that will enable these institutions to continue the good work they're doing to make education abroad a viable option for all of their students."

The Innovation Grant was open to all current members of the Diversity Abroad Network and/or to any institution nominated by a member. Several winning projects will be highlighted at next year's [Diversity Abroad Conference](#), April 1-2, 2013 in Chicago, IL.

About Diversity Abroad

Founded in 2006, Diversity Abroad is the leading international organization which connects diverse students, recent graduates and young professionals with international study, intern, teach, volunteer, and degree opportunities. Diversity Abroad was founded on a simple concept; connect a fast growing and diverse population of students and young professionals with meaningful international opportunities that will better prepare them for their future education and career goals. Through its consortium, the Diversity Abroad Network, Diversity Abroad works with leading colleges and universities to promote good practice in recruiting, advising and serving the needs of diverse and underrepresented students in international education. For more information, please visit <http://www.diversityabroad.com>.

About CAPA International Education

CAPA International Education has been a global leader for innovative academic learning abroad since 1972. By providing a self-driven, self-selecting and self-identifying experience, CAPA International Education enables the student to be in charge of defining their international learning experience and what it will incorporate. With both individual and group based study abroad programs, CAPA delivers quality experiential education across the globe. With programs centers located on four continents in seven countries, students are taught using a tested and proven educational program called [My Education](#) which blends theme based classroom learning and experiential learning to give students the context they need to expand their understanding of the world in which they live. For more information, please visit <http://www.capa.org/>.

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