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A Message from the Assistant Provost for International Affairs

As the new year begins, your colleagues at VIO would like to alert you to several new and exciting initiatives in the international arena at Vanderbilt. In this issue, you will find information on the [Global Summer Fellows Program](#), a scholarship for undergraduates wishing to study abroad during the summer or Maymester; a few of our many success stories resulting from our [VIO Grants Program](#); and a snapshot of Vanderbilt's many offices dedicated to international efforts.

Watch for our spring issue of *Vanderbilt International*, our new [international publication](#), out in mid-March. As always, we look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes in 2009,

Joel Harrington

Assistant Provost for International Affairs

University Launches Global Summer Fellows Program for Undergraduates

The Summer of 2009 will mark the first time students will be eligible for funding from the Global Summer Fellows Program, initiated by Vanderbilt Student Government with the backing of the Provost. All undergraduates participating in a credit-bearing, Vanderbilt-approved summer or Maymester abroad program are eligible to apply.

The program is intended to provide an opportunity for students to participate in study abroad, particularly those who are unable to do so during the academic year. Regardless of financial situation, the program allows undergraduate students to study abroad and participate in an international experience.

More information can be found at the [Global Education Office's website](#). The [application](#) for Summer 2009 is due January 30, 2009. For any questions, please email Ara Pachmayer, GEO Director, at ara.pachmayer@vanderbilt.edu.



VIO Grants Program Research Success Stories

Since its inception, the VIO Grants Program has funded 39 research projects and exploratory trips from all four of Vanderbilt's undergraduate schools and the School of Medicine. Below is are a few snapshots of successful research trips:

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- *The Global Feminisms Collaborative (GFC)*, led by Professor Brooke Ackerly, received exploratory funding from VIO to pursue a research relationship with the African Gender Institute and Professor Jane Bennett at the University of Cape Town. As a result, they will work to develop joint undergraduate curricular opportunities and integrate both research networks.
- With an exploratory grant, Physics Professor Jay Dickerson collaborated with Professor Aldo Boccaccini of Imperial College, London to develop new methods for synthesis of carbon nanotube-nanocrystal structures. Professors Dickerson and Boccaccini recently co-authored an article in [Nanotechnology](#).

Other success stories can be [found here](#). For more information on the VIO Grants Program, please [visit this link](#). The next deadline for VIO Grants is January 28, 2009.

Vanderbilt's International Administrative Offices at a Glance

Vanderbilt has a few different offices dedicated to assisting students, faculty, and staff with international-related activities and initiatives. Here's a short description of each office and who to contact:

- **Vanderbilt International Office (VIO):** VIO coordinates with faculty, departments, and schools on the university's many international initiatives. Reporting to the Provost, the office administers the VIO Grants Program, develops and maintains the university's Core Partner Strategy, and acts as Vanderbilt's voice to friends abroad. Visit [VIO's website](#) or contact [Dawn Turton](#), VIO Executive Director, or Prof. [Joel Harrington](#), Assistant Provost for International Affairs.
- **Global Education Office (GEO):** Formerly the Office of Study Abroad, GEO administers all study abroad programs and works with faculty from the various schools to lead delegations of students overseas. Visit [GEO's Website](#) or contact [Ara Pachmayer](#), GEO Director.
- **International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS):** Housed in the Dean of Students Office, ISSS is the main office for undergraduate and graduate international students, as well as visiting scholars and fellows. The office administers J and F visas, and also plans programs for Vanderbilt's international community. Visit [ISSS's Website](#) or contact [Sherif Barsoum](#), ISSS Director.
- **International Tax Office:** Reporting to Human Resources, the International Tax Office ensures that Vanderbilt payments to international employees and visitors are in compliance with applicable IRS and CIS regulations. Visit their [website](#) or contact nratax@vanderbilt.edu.
- **Office of International Services (OIS):** Housed in Human Resources, OIS is the international office for all faculty and staff, administering all work authorizations for foreign national faculty and staff, excluding F and J visas. Visit [OIS's website](#) or contact [Dahlia French](#), OIS Director.

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