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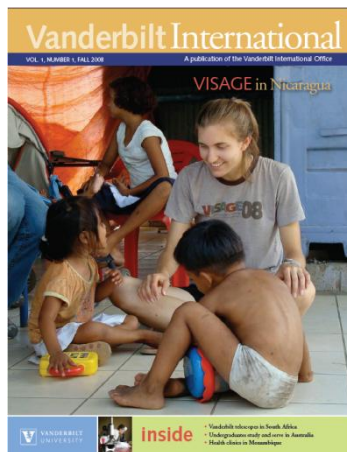
## A Message from the Assistant Provost for International Affairs

Welcome to the launch of VI News Brief, a periodic e-newsletter designed to update key faculty, staff, and friends on Vanderbilt's international academic initiatives. In this issue, we provide a few story snapshots from our inaugural international issue of *Vanderbilt International*, and invite you to read the [full magazine online](#); and tell you about our [VIO Grants Program](#) to fund collaborative research; and discuss our [Core Partners](#), such as the University of Melbourne.

We welcome your feedback on the News Brief and our new international publication. We look forward to hearing from you.

**Joel Harrington**  
Assistant Provost for International Affairs

## VIO Launches New Publication, *Vanderbilt International*



On Monday, September 29, the Vanderbilt International Office launched its [first issue](#) of *Vanderbilt International*, the university's new international publication. The magazine, featuring many faculty projects, research initiatives, and student programs, seeks to showcase Vanderbilt's internationalization efforts.

Some of the stories in the inaugural issue include:

- **New Horizons:** Vanderbilt's Core Partner Strategy opens doors for international research collaboration.
- **Healing Zambezia:** The Institute for Global Health's "center-without-walls" approach in Mozambique.

*Vanderbilt International* will be published twice each year. All Vanderbilt colleges, schools, departments, divisions, and offices are invited to contribute ideas and stories to the editors. Please email us at [vio@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:vio@vanderbilt.edu) with anything you have to share.

## Deadline Approaching for VIO Grants Program

The November deadline for the [VIO Seed Grants program](#) is fast approaching! Since 2007, over 30 grants have funded faculty and graduate students participating in research collaborations with peer institutions overseas. Grants range from \$4,000 to fund exploratory visits to \$15,000 to fund travel-related expenses for up to a semester of

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research. To better serve the strategic goals of the university, grants are awarded based on the sustainability of the project and its overall impact on the internationalization of Vanderbilt.

Past awards include:

- Studies of Ultra-Fast Spin Dynamics in Layered and Reduced Dimensional Semiconductor Structures (Fudan University, China)
- Collaborative Composition in London and Glasgow (London Royal Academy of Music)
- Social and Economic Development Programs to Improve Health and Well-Being Indicators in Resource-Constrained Settings (University of Sao Paulo, Brazil)
- Software Tools for Protecting Medical Information Privacy (Sabanci University, Turkey)

Applications for exploratory grants are due November 12. Additional deadlines will occur during the Spring semester. Click [here](#) for more information and complete guidelines.

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## Overview of Vanderbilt Core Partners

Since Fall 2006, Vanderbilt has established institutional, research-based “core partnerships” with five universities. The universities are chosen on the basis of research prominence, disciplinary breadth, and strategic location. Along with the establishment of individual faculty and school-level partnerships, VIO sees the core partner strategy as an effective way to foster new research collaborations, create new educational opportunities for students, and enhance Vanderbilt’s institutional presence and academic reputation abroad. These partnerships also provide an opportunity for staff to share best practices in areas like fundraising, student recruitment and internationalization.

Currently, our partners are:

- [University of Melbourne](#) (Australia)
- [Fudan University](#) (China)
- [University of Cape Town](#) (South Africa)
- [University of São Paulo](#) (Brazil)
- [Pontificia Universidad Católica of Santiago](#) (Chile)

With the support of Deans and the VIO grants, the relationships have broadened considerably over the last year. Highlights include joint publication, graduate student exchanges, patent applications, and Presidential-level delegations, to name a few. In 2008-09, VIO will research possible partners in Europe. Faculty interested in learning more about our partners should visit our [Core Partners webpage](#).

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