



SIG Leadership Opportunities

FBIE-SIG Coordinator
 Coordinator-Elect
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 Member Survey
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 Regional Coordinator

How can I get involved?

FBIE-SIG is open to all NAFSA membership. There are no specific expectations regarding your involvement with FBIE-SIG other than sharing an interest in the FBIE-SIG missions. Of course, we encourage your active participation in the SIG Leadership Team for your professional development.

To become a general member,

- Send an e-mail to yukit@umn.edu and provide your contact information.

To become a part of the SIG leadership team,

- Fill out the Leadership Application form attached to this brochure and submit at the conference, mail, or e-mail to:

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Foreign Born International Educator

Specific Interest Group



A Specific Interest Group within NAFSA:
 Association of International Educators

www.fbie-sig.org

What is FBIE-SIG?

Founded in 2003, Foreign-Born International Educator Specific Interest Group (FBIE-SIG) is a group of NAFSA members with a common interest in advocating FBIE related issues within NAFSA and in the broader field of international education.

Mission Statement

The FBIE-SIG strives to provide a forum for NAFSA members to advocate for policy and regulation changes to remove obstacles for current and future foreign-born international education professionals, to serve and support foreign born international educators' professional entry and development, and to promote foreign-born standpoints and perspectives to enrich NAFSA programs and services.

History

The origin of FBIE-SIG goes back to 2001 when a few foreign-born NAFSA members started to discuss offering an FBIE related session. This was turned into a successful session at the 2002 NAFSA national conference in San Antonio, titled "No Experience? No Working Visa? Practical Advice for International Students Entering the Profession." The presenters and attendees of the session worked on petition drives in NAFSA regions the following year, and the SIG was officially approved by NAFSA in October 2003.

Why join FBIE-SIG?

One of the greatest benefits of joining FBIE-SIG is networking with other FBIEs with similar professional interests and concerns. The FBIE-SIG provides its members with opportunities to connect with each other to share their experiences and knowledge about entry and professional development issues. The SIG also addresses other FBIE-related issues in the field of international education via the FBIE-SIG email list and a variety of FBIE-SIG related activities during regional and national NAFSA conferences.

In addition to networking opportunities, you may also find great leadership opportunities in the FBIE-SIG. The FBIE-SIG encourages you to be

actively involved and to exercise leadership in FBIE-SIG activities and in any other FBIE related activities at your institution and in your region. Your active involvement in the FBIE-SIG will not only benefit you but also strengthen the FBIE-SIG and the field of international education by contributing your unique FBIE perspectives. The FBIE-SIG serves you as a great resource, and at the same time, you are a great resource for FBIE-SIG!

Join FBIE activities during the NAFSA national conference

Following are typical conference activities FBIE-SIG members participate during the national conference week to facilitate our professional development and networking

MONDAY evening: FBIE-SIG Open Dinner

Whether you are in the FBIE leadership position, students, or just checking out, be sure to join the dinner to kick off your NAFSA activities. Please refer to FBIE-SIG website for location.

TUESDAY morning: Students/Mentors Meeting

Please see NAFSA program for location. Some of us will be there to share our wisdom (or lack of it☺) with students trying to get into the field of International Education. Try to make this meeting, you will find it most helpful!

WEDNESDAY evening: FBIE Happy Hour

For a nice get together and networking opportunity, we will have a non-sponsored (you pay for own drinks and food) happy hour(s) at a place TBD. Typical activities include casual dining, watching a baseball game, or simply "hanging out."

THURSDAY afternoon: FBIE-SIG General Meeting

The general meeting is for everyone who is interested in learning about the FBIE-SIG. An overview of the SIG will be presented followed by group discussions on FBIE-SIG's direction for the upcoming year. See NAFSA program for location.

FBIE-SIG Leadership Application

Given Name: _____

Family Name: _____

Country of Birth: _____

Institution (Required): _____

Email (Required): _____

Phone (Required): _____ Ext: _____

NAFSA Region (Required):

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☐ VII ☐ VIII ☐ X ☐ XI ☐ XII
☐ Members outside the U.S.

Affiliated NAFSA Communities:
(Optional)

- ☐ Education Abroad
☐ Int'l Student & Scholar Services
☐ Recruitment, Admissions, Preparation
☐ Int'l Education Leadership
☐ Teaching, Learning, Scholarship
☐ Student
☐ Members outside the U.S.

SIG leadership position of your interest:
(Optional)

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