Dear Colleague,

I would like to invite you to submit a proposal to teach a BC summer course abroad during the summer of 2013. Summer courses abroad are playing an increasingly important role in our overall strategy of international education at Boston College. They allow some students to go abroad who may otherwise be restricted during the semester, and they enable younger students to have an entry-level international experience that might eventually lead to a longer term abroad.

I believe there are significant faculty benefits as well. A summer course abroad may offer the chance to teach your expertise in a specific geographic setting or to innovate and collaborate with colleagues. I am particularly excited at the prospect of an interdisciplinary course, taught with a colleague, and capitalizing on the location of instruction in a way not easily available at Boston College.

In the summer of 2012, The Office of International Programs will offer courses in twelve different countries. (As a reference, please visit www.bc.edu/international to view the 2012 summer course list.) Since the Office is in transition, and awaiting the arrival of a new Director, we will restrict course offerings to locations in which we have current, or recent, experience. I am confident that good ideas for additional destinations will be welcome for the 2014 cycle. We welcome all proposals, for current or recent locales, but encourage you to think carefully about the connection between course content and location as mentioned above.

Generally speaking, summer courses are three or six credit courses and span four to six weeks in length. Teaching faculty from all schools and disciplines can submit proposals. Summer courses count towards the students’ graduation requirements. Anyone teaching a summer course abroad will receive a faculty summer salary rate, reimbursement for an economy round-trip airfare to your local destination and our assistance in arranging and paying for your housing; we will help defray other expenses with a specific stipend amount. The Office of International Programs will also provide extensive administrative support, both here at BC and overseas.

If you are interested in proposing a course, please fill out the attached proposal form and include a draft syllabus by June 15, 2012 and return it to our Assistant Director for Summer and Service Programs, Abby Berenson, atabby.berenson@bc.edu. In addition, you can find answers to some frequently asked questions in our Terms and Conditions document located on our website, www.bc.edu/international. I am also available to answer any further questions.

With best regards,

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