



Advise & Conquer: U.S.

Friday, November 3, 2006 2:15-3:30 PM

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Highlights

- *"Think Outside the Box"*
 - Open Options and Be Flexible
 - Check Sites Available on Website
 - Be Realistic and Reasonable
 - **Theme** – Show effects of a well thought out Vs. Not well thought out Application in terms of placement possibilities
- *"Be Thorough"*
 - Complete Application Process with all Information/Documentation
 - Faxed App is not complete
 - Be sure to list GOOD academic/professional references
 - Send all required materials (transcripts, medical forms, Application/Placement Fee)
 - **Theme** – An Incomplete Application cannot be processed
- *"Personalize your Application"*
 - Promote Individuality
 - Promote Neatness and Professionalism
 - Read & Review every piece of material sent to ISEP
 - Make sure your students are sincere and honest
 - **Theme** – Individuality and Honesty Is essential for every ISEP Applicant
- *"Finalization"*
 - Placements cannot be made without ALL complete documentation
 - Incomplete/Late Applications have very little chance of placement
 - Program Officers are subjective, so a complete application is essential for making decisions
 - **Theme** – It is essential that the application process is completed by all involved parties:
 - Home University
 - ISEP
 - Host University

Presentations

4 skits revolving around each key point above

Comments by Sue Jackson

1. Know your own institution's procedures
2. Know ISEP (website, people, application processes)
3. DO NOT SEND INCOMPLETE APPLICATION



4. Review Space, Availability and Limits
5. Request Pictures to familiarize your self
6. Discourage Friend going abroad together (it prevents full emersion)
7. Read Conditions of Placement...AND ENFORCE THEM.

Q & A's

Q: How many Comments are needed on the application from Coordinators?

A: As much as is needed...it is very valuable & important (it is not necessary though).

Q: How much support is there for students while they are abroad?

A: It depends on site, but all ISEP coordinators are required to orientate students with campus and facilities and provide support.

Q: Where can you find guidelines for France?

A: On website, Brochure and can also email PO for France

Q: Is there a quick fill application?

A: Yes, but it cannot be saved, so you must print 1 page at a time or complete in one sitting.

Q: Is it better to defer a placement to get better chances of placement at a highly competitive school?

A: No, that site will ALWAYS be competitive and deferring an application will not improve chances of placement.

Q: Which Institution's sites can have dependants?

A: Check directories, all are handled on case-by-case basis

Q: Which sites are competitive?

A: See brochure for details (schools will be categorized by E*, EO, or No E) Japanese and UK schools are highly competitive.

Q: What does "competitive" mean?

A: Cannot give answer as it is subjective, used to be based on the A/P ration (Applications/Placements), but no longer used.

Q: Will an incomplete application be considered?

A: If late, or incomplete at deadline, it WILL NOT be considered!

Handouts (In the yellow envelope)

1. **Advising Tips for U.S. ISEP Coordinators**
2. **ISEP Application Checklist – US to Intl. Students**