



**Association of International Education Administrators**  
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**Association of International Education Administrators Announces  
2021-2022 Presidential Fellows**

Durham, NC (August 22, 2021)—The Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA) is pleased to announce that three international education leaders have been selected as the association's 2021-2022 Presidential Fellows. The AIEA Presidential Fellows program is a highly competitive mentoring initiative for senior international officers serving in the first three years of their current positions.

Jill Blondin of the Virginia Commonwealth University, Catherine Krull of the University of Victoria and Queens University, and Christina Sanchez of California Lutheran University were selected by a committee of their peers as this year's fellowship recipients.

AIEA Presidential Fellows are matched with seasoned mentors to provide advice, consultation, and guidance on internationalization issues tailored to their institutions. Each fellow is awarded a small stipend toward a visit to their mentor's campus (circumstances permitting), during which they will learn about campus policies, politics and procedures; meet administrators and faculty; and immerse themselves in the day-to-day activities of the institution. This program affords participants the opportunity to observe how experienced senior international officers and their institutions address international education challenges and solve problems, to learn about national and international issues and how they affect individual campuses, and to become a member of an international network that can serve as a resource beyond the Presidential Fellows program.

Bringing extensive knowledge and experience to their roles as 2021-2022 Presidential Mentors are Nick Gozik of Elon University; Jeet Joshee of California State University, Long Beach; and Pia Wood of University of North Texas.

"AIEA congratulates these exceptional leaders on their selection as Presidential Fellows," said Darla Deardorff, AIEA Executive Director. "The development and promotion of outstanding leadership in international higher education is at the core of AIEA's mission, and we are excited to help support the work of these emerging international officers."



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*About AIEA:*

**The Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA)** is a member organization that equips leaders to shape the future of higher education in a global context.

AIEA advances strategic transformational approaches to internationalization of higher education; empowers those who lead such efforts; convenes global conversation on key issues; and partners with other organizations around the world to develop sustainable, forward-looking perspectives.

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