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To: School District Superintendents
School District Heads of International Education
Federation of Independent School Associations (FISA)
International Public School Education Association (IPSEA)

I am pleased to inform you that the Ministry of Education's **Student and Teacher Exchange and Mobility Awards** will again be available in 2016/17 to support British Columbian students and teachers to pursue study abroad and exchange activities.

The Student and Teacher Exchange and Mobility Awards support British Columbia's [International Education Strategy](#) and the province's position as a leading jurisdiction for international education in Canada and the world.

The awards facilitate the strengthening of foreign partnerships and the development of global competence for students and teachers through study abroad experiences. In 2015/16, the Ministry of Education supported over 200 students and teachers in study abroad activities to China and Japan, with awards ranging from \$5,000 to \$15,000.

In support of recently signed education-related Memoranda of Understanding, France and Italy have been added as eligible study abroad destinations in addition to China and Japan.

The deadline for the 2016/17 awards is **November 25, 2016**. Information on the awards, including application forms and instructions, can be found on the Ministry's website: <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/international-education/scholarships-awards>

Please contact Dwayne Cover, Provincial Lead for K-12 International Education, if you require further information (Dwayne.Cover@gov.bc.ca or 778-676-7578).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ramona Soares". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Ramona Soares
Assistant Deputy Minister
International Education, Independent Schools and Partner Relations