



25 October 2018

Dear International School Partner:

This year the U.S Department of Education (the Department) is hosting its annual Federal Student Aid Training Conference at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta, Georgia from Tuesday, November 27 - Friday, November 30, 2018. **PLEASE NOTE:** On Monday, November 26, the Department will host a Foreign Schools Preconference Day from 8:00 a.m. Eastern time (ET) – 5:45 p.m. ET.

The conference provides the forum for the Department to share with the financial aid community the most up-to-date information on the Title IV Federal Student Aid (FSA) programs. There will be interest sessions covering a wide range of topics from the implementation of programmatic requirements to technologies associated with our information systems. The FSA Training Conference will include more than 40 sessions scheduled across four days. More information about the conference and the planned sessions may be found at the link below.

We are pleased to announce we are again offering the Foreign School Track consisting of six sessions specifically designed for our international school partners. The First Foreign School Track session, *Orientation to the FSA Training Conference* will be on Monday, November 26, 2018, at 8:00 a.m. The session will provide information on the Department and the Multi-Regional and Foreign Schools Participation Division, and an overview of reporting requirements.

In addition to the *Orientation to the FSA Training Conference* session, the Foreign School Track consists of the following sessions designed to comprehensively address successful foreign school administration of the Title IV programs: *Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)*, *COD Hands-On*, *NSLDS® Hands-On*, *Administering Disbursements for Foreign Schools*, and *Foreign Schools Update and Q&A with Senior Department Staff*.

There will be *Ask-a-Fed for Foreign Schools* and Foreign Schools' team staff will be available to answer questions and provide guidance individually to conference attendees.

Printed conference materials and handouts will not be provided on-site at the conference. The materials will be posted on our conference website, and we ask that you print or download to your mobile device any documents you would like to access during the conference.

Information about the conference and the registration process is posted on the FSA Training Conference website at <http://fsaconferences.ed.gov/>. There is no registration fee for this conference; however, attendees are responsible for their lodging, meals and travel expenses.

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We look forward to seeing and visiting with you at the conference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael J. Frola". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "M".

Michael J. Frola, Director
Multi-Regional and Foreign Schools Participation Division