

Thomas Ward receives Fulbright Award to study education reforms

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Thomas J. Ward, dean of the University of Bridgeport's College of Public and International Affairs, has been selected by the J. William Fulbright Scholarship Board to participate in an International Education Administrators (IEA) seminar that will be held in France in the fall of 2013.

Ward, who studied at the University of Paris and has worked in France, said that he is "very grateful" to have been chosen for the program. In his proposal, Ward outlined his interest in understanding how educational reforms within the European Union over the past 15 years have affected the French educational system.

Ward added that he hopes that the program will afford opportunities to explore further academic exchanges between University of Bridgeport and French institutions of higher education.

The IEA is one of several Fulbright Scholar programs for students, faculty, and administrators, such as the flagship Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program and various visiting-scholar, specialist, lecturer, and distinguished-chair initiatives.

Under the IEA program, U.S. higher education administrators are granted an opportunity to gain an in-depth look at the higher-education system, culture, and society in one of six countries: India, Japan, Korea, Germany, France, or the United Kingdom. Participants return to their home institutions empowered with first-hand knowledge, new professional connections, and an enhanced ability to build partnerships, encourage study-abroad participation, and support international students.