The University of International Programs is offering a new great competition grants.

Latin American Fellowship
This fellowship is jointly funded by the IU and the Indiana Federation of Latin American Clubs to support graduate study or research in Latin America. The stipend is $3,500 and the deadline is March 1, 2003. More information can be found at http://www.iusb.edu/~research/grantsletter/02dec.htm#Recent%20IUSB%20Awards

International Exchange Affiliations Grants
To encourage the expansion of exchange partnerships between IU and foreign institutions that are in the integral strategic planning, teaching and research. Diversity in ethnicity and gender, the strong faculty strengths in an academic community.

When we think about where to go to find peace, perhaps we do not have to venture far. It is all around us. IU is beautiful and can be easily found among our students, our staff, our faculty, our alumni, and our community friends. IUSB is a special place. Best wishes to each of you and to your families during the holiday season. May you enjoy a prosperous New Year.

The Research & Development Committee announced the awards for the first round of the Research Grants. You can see a list of winners in the December Newsletter at the Office of Academic Affairs:

- The UCET grant proposal, submitted by Terri Demmon, will fund the Communication instrument which can be used to provide feedback and improve services.
- The Mathematics proposal, submitted by Paul Joray, will allow the General Studies to develop an alumni database.
- The Criminal Justice student advising scheme.
- The Political Science proposal, submitted by Paul Newcomb, will fund an alumni and student surveys.
- The UCET grant proposal, submitted by Tom Dominy, will fund the development of an online course survey instrument which can be used to provide feedback and improve assessment of course content.

Congratulations to all of the successful applicants. These projects should help the important work of assessment of student learning. The Assessment Committee hopes to offer Assessment Grants in future years when funds are available.

Best wishes,

Alfred J. Guillame, Jr.
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs