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Benjamin Franklin Transatlantic Summer Institute  
Wake Forest University, Carswell Hall  
Winston-Salem, NC 27109

Dear 2010 Benjamin Franklin Transatlantic Fellows,

Welcome to Wake Forest University! I am pleased to open our campus to such a diverse and accomplished group of Fellows. The Benjamin Franklin Summer Institute is a wonderful program that will allow you to explore your academic interests while forming new relationships with peers from around the world. True to the ideals of Benjamin Franklin, this experience will further your knowledge of global issues by exposing you to the benefits of international relationships and cooperation.

During your time on campus, I hope that you will take the opportunity to learn more about Wake Forest University. Our academic community offers a wealth of resources for your personal and intellectual growth. You will enjoy learning from our renowned faculty, who prize engagement with their students both in and outside the classroom. You will also have access to our technology and facilities as you explore your academic and personal interests this summer. Most importantly, our beautiful campus will provide you with a home away from home as you meet and form new relationships with other Fellows. I am certain that these experiences will be enriching and rewarding.

The Benjamin Franklin Transatlantic Institute is an important fixture at Wake Forest, in part because the program aligns so well with our academic mission here at the university. We place a heavy emphasis on international education, and the experiences you will have working with peers from diverse backgrounds and cultures are ones that we try to provide to every member of our academic community. In fact, more than 60% of our undergraduates study abroad in destinations around the world. Further, the Institute's emphasis on preserving freedom and cooperation in our global society is reflected in our university's motto, *Pro Humaniante*, meaning "for the benefit of humanity."

As you begin your time as a Benjamin Franklin Fellow, I wish you the best of luck. We are happy to have you on campus and look forward to hearing about your progress.

With warm regards,

Jill Tiefenthaler  
Provost and Professor of Economics