Greetings from CIEP!

The semester has been off to a great start here at CIEP! Since the beginning of the semester, we have welcomed over 75 new students to the program! Thank you to our partner institutions for referring some of these students to our program. We value your trust and look forward to welcoming future students. We appreciate the work that our partners, agents, and representatives do to help bring students to the CIEP.

In this whitepaper, you will find information about the dates and fees for the 2015-2016 academic year, scholarship opportunities, summer training opportunities, and a new electronic application that is available for you to use.

We are pleased to announce that CIEP will not raise its tuition for the next academic year. We hope you enjoy this edition of the whitepaper. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at unicieppartners@uni.edu.
Conversation Partners
Nearly 95% of students in the CIEP have a UNI student or staff member as a Conversation Partner. Conversation Partners give CIEP students the opportunity to practice English in an informal setting with a native speaker.

Small class sizes
The CIEP strives to provide quality English instruction. Our class sizes are an average of 16 students, and are never higher than 25 students per class.

Countries Represented
Since August 2015, the CIEP has students from 26 countries including: Afghanistan, Bosnia, Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Ecuador, Egypt, Gaza Strip, Germany, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Japan, Korea, Kuwait, Mexico, Netherlands, Oman, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Syria, Togo, and Venezuela.

2015-2016 Session Dates
The CIEP 2015-2016 session dates will be as follows:
- Fall 1 2015: August 25 – October 16
- Fall 2 2015: October 21 – December 18
- Spring 1 2016: January 12 – March 4
- Spring 2 2016: March 9 – May 6
- Summer 2016: June 7 - July 29

For a complete list of arrival dates, orientation sessions, and scheduled placement exams, please visit our website at: www.uni.edu/ciep/about/dates. We are also pleased to announce that the 2015-2016 CIEP tuition fees will remain the same. For a complete list and description of fees, please visit: www.uni.edu/ciep/about/fees

Meet CIEP at NAFSA
Are you planning to attend the Annual NAFSA Conference in Boston, MA this year? If you are planning to attend and would be interested in meeting with a member of the CIEP staff, please contact Cristy at cristy.steffen@uni.edu. We hope to see you in May!

Scholarship Opportunities
The CIEP will begin accepting scholarship applications for the Fall 2015 CIEP Tuition Scholarship beginning April 1, 2015. This scholarship is available to prospective CIEP students. The scholarship will cover a maximum of 100% tuition for the Fall 1 and Fall 2 sessions (August 25 - December 18). Applications are due May 31, 2015. For more information, visit our scholarship page at: www.uni.edu/ciep/scholarships

Summer Training Sessions
In addition to the resources available online, the CIEP will be contacting all partners and agents during the month of June to schedule a time for a brief online training session. These sessions will be a video conference with a CIEP staff member and will include information about the CIEP, the University of Northern Iowa, tips to applying, and information about commission. We will use Google Hangouts to conduct the video training. By 2016, all agents will be required to complete this training at least once per year. If you have any questions or would like to schedule your session right away, please contact: unicieppartners@uni.edu.

Survey for Agents & Students
Since the Spring 1 2015 session, the CIEP has started to send a survey each session to all agents and to new students who are referred to CIEP by agents. This survey allows us to improve our relationship with you and to understand the services you provide to our students before they arrive on campus. The survey is also allows us to track the students that are referred to our students by agents and to help us ensure that all agents and representatives are paid commission within a timely manner. If you have questions about this survey, please contact unicieppartners@uni.edu.

New Fillable Paper Application
In addition to the online application, the CIEP now has a new paper application that can be filled out electronically. We are aware that some partners and agencies help their students to complete this application and that completing the application online is not always an option; therefore, we have created this additional option for you. The fillable paper application is available online at: www.uni.edu/ciep/apply