Dear Graduate Officers and Graduate Administrators:

Please notify your graduate students of the following international leadership opportunity:

The 7th Biennial Education Without Borders (EBW) Conference will take place in the United Arab Emirates from **March 24-29, 2013**. Education Without Borders (website: [www.ewb.ae](http://www.ewb.ae)) is in the process of forming the **World Student Organizing Committee (WSOC)** for the conference and has invited MIT to nominate one outstanding student leader to join the organizing committee.

**Eligibility:**
WSOC nominees must be full time graduate students, possess excellent English communication skills, have previously travelled or worked overseas, should have proven leadership experience in the student community.

MIT may nominate one student for this awarded position, and the Office of the Dean for Graduate Education will coordinate the nomination process.

Please ask interested students to send their CV, unofficial transcript or grade report, and a statement of leadership experience (1 page maximum) as an single PDF file to Jessica Landry, jlandry@mit.edu by **5:00 PM on Monday, March 19, 2012**. The deadline for nominations to Education Without Borders is Friday, March 23, 2012.

Please see the official announcement below for further details about the conference, and feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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The Higher Colleges of Technology is hosting the 7th Biennial Education Without Borders (EWB) Conference that is taking place in the United Arab Emirates from 24-29 March 2013.

The objective of EWB is to create networks across cultures in order to understand, and generate solutions for some of the world's greatest challenges. This is achieved by engaging the world's most innovative students and leaders in the business, technology, education, and humanitarian sector in a collaborative forum that culminates in a commitment to action.

At EWB in 2011 (website: www.ewb.ae) we hosted over 1000 delegates from over 162 countries and 280 tertiary education institutions, focused on solving some of the world's most pressing challenges with the theme "Innovative Solutions to Global Challenges…Diverse Perspectives; Unified Action". Issues discussed included inequitable access to education and technology, media as a tool for social impact, responding to natural disasters and harnessing education and technology to end poverty.

We are now in the process of forming the World Student Organizing Committee (WSOC) for the conference and I am pleased to invite your institution to nominate one outstanding student leader to join the Education Without Borders 2013 World Student Organizing Committee.

The EWB 2011 WSOC will comprise a group of approximately 25 highly motivated international graduate students from around the world who will work with student leaders from the United Arab Emirates. Their major tasks will be to promote the conference in their region, assist in the recruitment of student delegates, and assist in the organization of conference activities. Once we have received all the nominations, and selected WSOC members, we will set the exact location, time and date for the first meeting of the EWB 2013 WSOC committee, most probably sometime in May 2012. This meeting will allow the international student members to become acquainted with all the other committee members and the processes involved.

To help with the process of selecting members of WSOC, I would ask that the student you nominate submit an up-to-date resume and a current, 300dpi high resolution coloured photograph to Anne Martin copied in this email.

WSOC nominees must be full time graduate students, possess excellent English communication skills and should have proven leadership experience in the student community. The deadline for nominations is Friday 23 March 2012.

We look forward to receiving your nomination and having a student from your institution with us at EWB in March 2013.

Yours sincerely

Tayeb Kamali
Goals and Objectives of the World Student Organizing Committee

Prior to Conference

- Assist with the planning of key conference activities
- Co-ordinate with the UAE student organizing committee on specific conference tasks
- Actively promote the conference to colleges and universities in members’ regions (e-mails, social media forums, presentations and networking at educational institutions)
- Maintain communication with other members of the organizing committee by actively and regularly participating in sub-committee discussions and planning activities
- Prepare clear and concise progress reports when requested
- Attend all scheduled meetings, video conferences and teleconferences
- Publicise the conference through press releases, radio and TV interviews, and other media channels
- Make online registration for the EWB 2013 conference and submit all necessary information

During the conference week

- Help co-ordinate specific conference activities
- Communicate with leaders of all student delegate groups to ensure efficient and effective implementation of the conference program
- Carry out sub-committee responsibilities as assigned
- Act as the masters of ceremonies, chaperones for different events during the conference
- Lead the student breakout groups in the discussion of presented papers
- Maintain contact with student delegate groups throughout the three day conference period
- Assist conference executives, planners & conveners with any related tasks
- Mentor any student conference delegates

Post conference

- Continue the dialogue originating at the conference with committee members as well as with the respective group members over e-mail, Twitter, blogs and Facebook. Identify issues and topics of interest for the next conference
- Provide suggestions for improvement for the next conference
- Propose relevant activities in the intervening period
- Promote the "E-ducation Without Borders" international students conference within their regions
- Act as a liaison between current and future delegates

Membership Qualifications

- Must be a full time student
- Must have previously travelled and/or worked overseas
- Must have above average GPA for the year group
- Must be representative of the youth of the world