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Richard Cherwitz, Director, Intellectual Entrepreneurship  
The University of Texas at Austin  
1 University Station  
Austin, TX 78712

Dear Dr. Cherwitz:

It is my pleasure to let you know the Intellectual Entrepreneurship Pre-Graduate School Internship Program at The University of Texas at Austin was selected as the 2008 Example of *Excelencia* at the Graduate Level. Your record of achievement in serving Latino students will be featured at the *Celebración de Excelencia* and the Examples of *Excelencia* workshop. These special events are presented in conjunction with the National College Access Network annual conference at the Hilton Americas Hotel. We hope you will accept our invitation to travel, at our expense, to Houston, TX on September 23-24 2008.

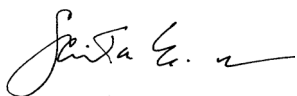
On September 23 at 3:00pm, you, or a designated representative, will meet at the hotel with *Excelencia* in Education staff and prepare for the special events. During the *Celebración de Excelencia* presentation and reception, your program representative will be presented with the award certificate and a check for \$5,000. A summary of IE's Pre-Graduate School Internship Program will be included the event program and in the next edition of *What Works for Latino Students in Higher Education: Compendium of 2008 Examples of Excelencia*. Enclosed please find invitations to the *Celebración de Excelencia* to share with your colleagues.

The following day on Wednesday, September 24 from 8:30-10:00a.m, representatives from the three 2008 Examples of *Excelencia* programs will participate in a workshop chaired by Deborah Santiago, *Excelencia's* Vice President for Policy and Research. She will ask the panel to describe their efforts in greater detail and to answer the questions listed in the enclosure.

We are proud to include the Intellectual Entrepreneurship Pre-Graduate School Internship Program in *Excelencia's* national effort to promote evidence-based practices that support greater success in higher education for Latino students. An *Excelencia* staff member will be in touch with you in the next few days to coordinate your travel and provide more information about on the planned activities.

We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Sarita E. Brown, President

Enclosures