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### **Graduate School Alliance for Executive Coaching Completes Global Project on Academic Coaching Programs**

**January 14, 2009** – The first comprehensive survey of the academic coaching community has been completed. In research lead by Dr. Larry Starr of the University of Pennsylvania, graduate school coaching programs in Australia, Canada, the United Kingdom, and the United States have been identified and described. This research was made possible in part from a grant awarded to the Graduate School Alliance for Executive Coaching (GSAEC) by The Foundation of Coaching, a leader in coaching-related research.

The research found 214 university coaching programs. There are 17 coaching programs at universities in Australia; 21 in Canada; 52 in England, Ireland, and Scotland, and none in New Zealand. There are 124 programs in the United States. Graduate coaching programs are those that offer Doctoral and Master's degrees and coursework, graduate certificate programs, non-degree certificate programs, and coaching services for university students, faculty, staff and the community.

Information about the project is available from the Coaching Commons (<http://www.coachingcommons.org/>) described as a non-partisan 'big tent' under which coaches can freely create the future together in a non-commercial setting on the world-wide-web. The programs are presented at [www.pennsurveys.org/coaching/](http://www.pennsurveys.org/coaching/).

The mission of the Graduate School Alliance for Executive Coaching (GSAEC) is to establish and maintain standards for education and training provided by academic institutions for the discipline and practice of executive and organizational coaching.

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