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**Graduate School Alliance for Executive Coaching Receives Global Research Grant**

**December 15, 2007** – The Graduate School Alliance for Executive Coaching (GSAEC) has received a grant from the Foundation of Coaching to study coaching as an academic discipline. The project builds on a 2006 pilot project conducted by GSAEC by expanding the identification of academic institutions in the US, and by including those in Canada, Britain, Ireland, Australia and New Zealand.

Larry M. Starr, PhD from the University of Pennsylvania and Lewis Stern, PhD from the Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology are the GSAEC Research Coordinators. Research associates are graduate students.

The Foundation of Coaching is a project of the Harnisch Family Foundation that supports coaching worldwide. Grants awards up to \$100,000 are awarded annually to support a broad research agenda, including explorations of how, when, where and why coaching works; what the dynamics are between coach and client; what approaches, theories, models and assumptions inform coaching as a practice and as a profession; and how coaching is similar to and distinct from other practices and disciplines.

In their announcement of the grant the Foundation of Coaching noted, “Drs. Starr and Stern will examine important challenges faced by the academic and professional world when seeking identity and sustainability for coaching. This project explores the building of an academic discipline for executive coaching by identifying a shared body of knowledge within the community.”

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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