

## **FIPSE and the European Commission:**

*INTERGERO: Implementation of an International Interdisciplinary Program for Teaching Gerontology: A Consortia Implementation Project*

San Francisco State University, in association with two other U.S. universities, has been awarded a grant by the United States Department of Education (FIPSE) and the European Commission (EC), for the purposes of implementing an international, interdisciplinary program for teaching Gerontology.

Three European and three United States Universities have been chosen to form a consortium and participate in the grant's three-year program. The selected universities are Universidad de Salamanca (Spain); Universitat Heidelberg: Institut fur Gerontologie (Germany); Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (The Netherlands); Miami University (OH); Oregon State University (OR); and San Francisco State University. The Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE), Washington D.C, is serving as the national evaluation partner.

An international curriculum in Gerontology will be developed through a collaborative effort between all of the partner universities, and integrated into existing fields of study. The first year of the grant program will be devoted to curriculum design and implementation. During the second and third years, 21 students from the European Union and 21 students from the U.S. will participate in a 6-month study abroad period at one or more of the partner universities. The participating universities seek to develop a new strategy for the training of gerontology students worldwide. For more information on the SFSU component contact: Dr. Anabel Pelham, at <mailto:apelham@sfsu.edu>