

**Spring 2026 Call for Applications:
Conducting Collaborative Research/Creative Scholarly Projects Abroad
Funding Available from the UNT Global Venture Fund**

Overview:

This supports UNT faculty undertaking international collaborative projects involving collaborative research or creative scholarly activities with universities, institutions, archives, or museums abroad. Projects must result in the development and dissemination of new knowledge through international research collaborations or international creative scholarly activities.

Examples of allowable projects include: (a) conducting collaborative research with faculty/scholars at a university abroad, (b) developing an international collaborative composition project with faculty/scholars at a university/academic institution abroad (in-person collaboration must be necessary), (c) engaging in an in-person international collaborative practice rehearsal sessions for a significant period of time with faculty/scholars at a university/institution abroad that culminate in a public performance (must contribute to the development and dissemination of new knowledge), and (d) engaging in collaborative archival research with faculty/scholars at a university/institution abroad.

This Call for Applications **DOES NOT** support projects that involve UNT faculty participating in conferences, keynote speaking engagements, exhibitions, performances, festivals, teaching activities (e.g. serving as a visiting/guest lecturer, providing masterclasses, giving private lessons, giving coaching sessions, etc.), consulting activities, exploratory meetings/visits to universities, institutions, archives, or museums abroad, or similar activities.

Award Information:

- Maximum Award Amount: \$3,000
- Allowable Expenses: (a) airfare, (b) accommodations, (c) meals, and (d) in-country transportation for one (1) UNT faculty member.
- Applicants are strongly encouraged to request cost-share from their college and/or department. Preference will be given to applications that demonstrate college and/or department cost-share and/or other funding sources.
- The number of awards, award amounts, and use of funds is at the discretion of the Vice Provost for International Affairs.
- This is supported by the UNT Global Venture Fund (GVF).
- The GVF **does not** support the following use of award funds:
 - Salaries, wages, and/or honorarium for UNT faculty, staff, or students
 - Salaries, wages, and/or honorarium for visitors/visiting scholars, faculty, and/or students
 - Scholarships or tuition waivers for UNT students or visiting students
 - Study abroad scholarships/travel support for UNT students
 - Office or operational expenses
 - Stipends/waivers for the use of UNT labs/equipment
 - Purchasing of equipment/materials
 - Registration fees
 - UNT faculty, staff, or student participation in conferences, keynote speaking engagements, exhibitions, performances, festivals, teaching activities (e.g. serving as a visiting/guest lecturer, providing masterclasses, giving private lessons, giving coaching sessions, etc.), consulting activities, exploratory meetings/visits to universities, institutions, archives, or museums abroad, or similar activities
 - Activities in which faculty are receiving an external payment (e.g. payment related to professional practice, stipends, payment for a commission of work, paid artist residency, etc.)
 - Travel to countries on the U.S. Department of Commerce's foreign adversaries list or travel to designated countries in Executive Order GA-48, including: China, North Korea, Iran, Cuba, and Russia

- All Global Venture Fund project expenditures must be reconciled before the end of the project period (Fall Awards: August 10, 2026 and Spring Awards: December 31, 2026). Any remaining funds will not carryforward beyond the project period. In the event the project cannot be started/completed during the project period due to any circumstances, project funds will not carryforward and recipients must inform [Dr. Amanda Bennett](#).

Eligibility:

- UNT faculty (e.g. tenured, tenure-track, clinical, etc.) with research/creative activities as part of their assigned workload
- Preference will be given to faculty who have not previously received funding from International Affairs.
- Individuals are not allowed to submit more than one application for funding from International Affairs during a given application cycle.

Project Period:

- Fall Awards: Spring and Summer 2026
- Spring Awards: Summer and Fall 2026

Application Information:

- Application Deadlines:
 - Fall: October 15, 2025
 - Spring: March 12, 2026
- [Online Application](#)
- For additional information, email [Dr. Amanda Bennett, Director of Global Partnerships and Engagement](#).

Review Criteria:

GVF applications are reviewed by a UNT committee of faculty and staff. The following criteria are used when evaluating applications:

- Contributes to UNT's global research/creative scholarship, in the following areas:
 - Supports your collaborative research/creative scholarship
 - Provides you with an opportunity to collaborate with faculty/scholars from universities, institutions, libraries, archives, or museums abroad
 - Results in the development and dissemination of new knowledge through international research collaborations or international creative scholarly activities
- Describes how this project provides opportunities for future collaborative research/creative scholarly projects
- Includes support for the project from the applicant's chair and dean (or dean's designee)
- Provides a detailed funding request that provides specific information about the budget request and how the requested amounts were determined
- Demonstrates why the collaborative research/creative scholarly project must occur in-person rather than virtually

Preference will be given to applications that:

- Demonstrate a reasonable budget request based on the planned activities
- Demonstrate college and/or department cost-share or other funding sources (e.g. support from the external collaborator)
- Involve applications from faculty who have not previously received funding from International Affairs
- Demonstrate how the duration of the time abroad is feasible for the scope of the project