

**Spring 2026 Call for Applications:
Hosting Visiting International Research Scholars at UNT
Funding Available from the UNT Global Venture Fund**

Overview:

This supports UNT faculty hosting a [visiting international scholar from a university/institution abroad at UNT](#) to conduct collaborative research/creative scholarly project.

The purpose of hosting the visiting international research scholar at UNT is to provide UNT faculty with an opportunity to enhance their research/creative scholarship and develop future research/creative scholarly projects. The visiting international research scholar should also engage with UNT students and provide opportunities to enhance their comparative, global perspective.

The application must demonstrate how hosting the visiting international research scholar at UNT contributes to the global scholarship of UNT faculty and students. In addition to the collaborative research/creative scholarly project, the visiting international research scholar is required to participate in presentations/lectures/other activities that contribute to the global scholarship of UNT faculty and students.

Award Information:

- Maximum Award Amount: \$3,000
- Allowable Expenses: (a) airfare, (b) accommodations, (c) meals, and (d) local ground transportation to support the visiting international research scholar's visit to UNT
- 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/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](#).

- The award is contingent upon receiving all university approvals to host the visiting international research scholar and the visiting scholar receiving the appropriate visa to come to the U.S.

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 and scholarship, in the following areas:
 - Provides you with an opportunity to enhance your research/creative scholarship
 - Enhances UNT faculty and students' research/creative scholarship and UNT students' understanding of an academic discipline(s) by providing a comparative, global perspective
 - Includes opportunities for UNT faculty and students to engage and network with the visiting international research scholar through both collaborative research/creative scholarship and presentations/lectures/training/etc. provided by the visiting international research scholar
- 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 international collaborative project must occur in-person rather than virtually

Preference will be given to applications that:

- Demonstrate a reasonable budget request based on the proposed activities
- Demonstrate college and/or department cost-share or other funding resources (e.g. funding support from the visiting international research scholar's home institution)
- Involve applications from faculty who have not previously received funding from International Affairs
- Demonstrate how the duration of the time at UNT is feasible for the scope of the project