

**Spring 2026 Call for Applications:
Developing a New Faculty-led Study Abroad Program
Funding Available from the UNT Charn Fund**

Overview:

This supports faculty participating in a site visit abroad (approximately 4-6 days) for the purpose of developing and leading a **new** [study abroad program](#).

The purpose of the site visit abroad is to enhance the development of the study abroad program by providing faculty with first-hand knowledge of the location. The structured site visit abroad should focus on both academic components and program logistics, such as: (a) meetings with universities, academic institutions, corporations or industry, cultural or professional organizations, etc., (b) visits to museums, libraries, historical and cultural sites, etc., (c) exploration of program logistics like accommodations, transportation, etc., and (d) other activities approved by the UNT Study Abroad Office.

Preference will be given to applications that include an underrepresented destination, underrepresented discipline, and/or faculty who have not previously led a UNT study abroad program. Applicants should have minimal previous experience living, working, and/or visiting the country.

Applicants are required to meet with Amy Shenberger, Director of Study Abroad (or her designee), to discuss the proposed study abroad site visit and study abroad program prior to submitting an application.

Award Information:

- Maximum Award Amount: \$3,000
- Allowable Expenses: (a) airfare, (b) accommodations, (c) meals, (d) in-country transportation, and (e) entrance fees for museums, cultural sites, or other approved activities for one UNT faculty member to participate in a study abroad site visit of approximately 4-6 days
- 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 Charn Uswachoke International Development Fund (Charn Fund), a generous endowment from UNT alumnus Charn Uswachoke, to contribute to international impact in UNT's classrooms through curriculum innovation and to prepare internationally competent UNT graduates.
- The Charn Fund does not support the following use of award funds:
 - Salaries or operating expenses for personnel, projects, or offices
 - Student-related expenses, such as wages, stipends, travel support, scholarships, 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 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 you must inform [Dr. Amanda Bennett](#).

Eligibility:

- UNT tenured faculty, tenure-track faculty, and professional faculty with approval from their dean and department chair
- 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.
- Faculty are ineligible to apply if they have previously led a study abroad program to the proposed country and/or have an approved faculty led study abroad program to the country.

Project Period:

- Fall Awards: Spring and Summer 2026 for the study abroad site visit
- Spring Awards: Summer and Fall 2026 for the study abroad site visit

Application Information:

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

Review Criteria:

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

- Enhances the global competency of UNT students
- Contributes to comprehensive internationalization in UNT's classrooms and curriculum
- Impacts a substantial number of UNT students within a specific academic discipline or across academic disciplines
- Demonstrates curriculum innovations

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
- Involve applications from faculty who have not previously led a UNT study abroad program
- Involve applications from faculty who have not previously received funding from International Affairs
- Include underrepresented destinations and/or underrepresented disciplines