

# ANNUAL REPORT 2020-21





## NOTES FROM THE VICE PROVOST AND DEAN

The 2020-21 academic year was challenging for International Affairs due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We pivoted to the virtual world in all areas: virtual advising for international students, virtual intensive English language classes, virtual international recruitment, and virtual programming. International travel was halted which impacted UNT students who had planned to study abroad.

Nevertheless, there are many positive activities to report.

Highlights include:

- Record Enrollment of International Students in Fall 2020
- \$40,000 U.S. – Kazakhstan University Partnership Grant
- \$249,570 Scholarship/Grant Awards to 319 UNT students
- 66 Virtual Campus Internationalization Programs and Events
- \$180,000 Department of Education Grant (joint with the College of Merchandising, Hospitality, and Tourism)
- Launch of the International Affairs Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Council

We look forward to 2021-22 and the resumption of study abroad programs, international travel, and in-person events and programming.

*Pia Wood*

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*Vice Provost and Dean*



## 2021 CITATION FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

### Dr. Chiachih DC Wang, Associate Professor of Psychology

The Citation for Distinguished Service to International Education honors an individual within the university community who has an extraordinary record of distinguished, meritorious and longstanding service to international education at the University of North Texas.

Dr. Chiachih DC Wang, is an Associate Professor and the Director of the Counseling Psychology Ph.D. Program in the Department of Psychology at UNT. His research areas include cross-cultural variation of adult attachment influences, acculturation and adjustment of immigrants and individuals with minoritized identities, and ethnic/racial identity development.

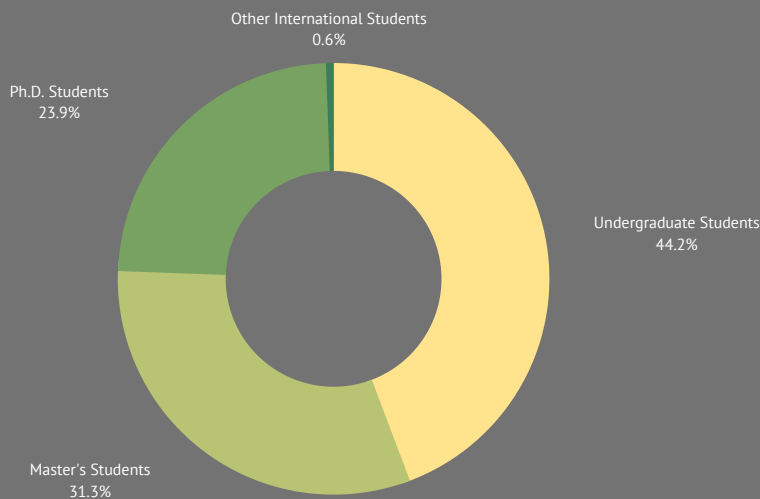
Dr. Wang has had 46 peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters, many of which were co-authored with international researchers investigating international psychology issues. His research work has been published in top-tier professional journals, including Journal of Counseling Psychology, The Counseling Psychologist, and International Perspectives in Psychology: Research, Practice, and Consultation.

He has held several leadership positions, including American Psychological Association (APA), Society of Counseling Psychology (SCP), International Section U.S.-based Co-Chair, and SCP newsletter editor, and is currently the President-Elect for the Council of Counseling Psychology Training Programs.

Dr. Wang has established international collaborations for educational and research programs with several partnered universities overseas. His work and contributions have been recognized by professional organizations, including being selected to be a Fellow of the APA and receiving the 2019 Henry David International Mentoring Award from the APA International Psychology Division.

# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ENROLLMENT (FALL 2020)

2,649 international students from 125 countries

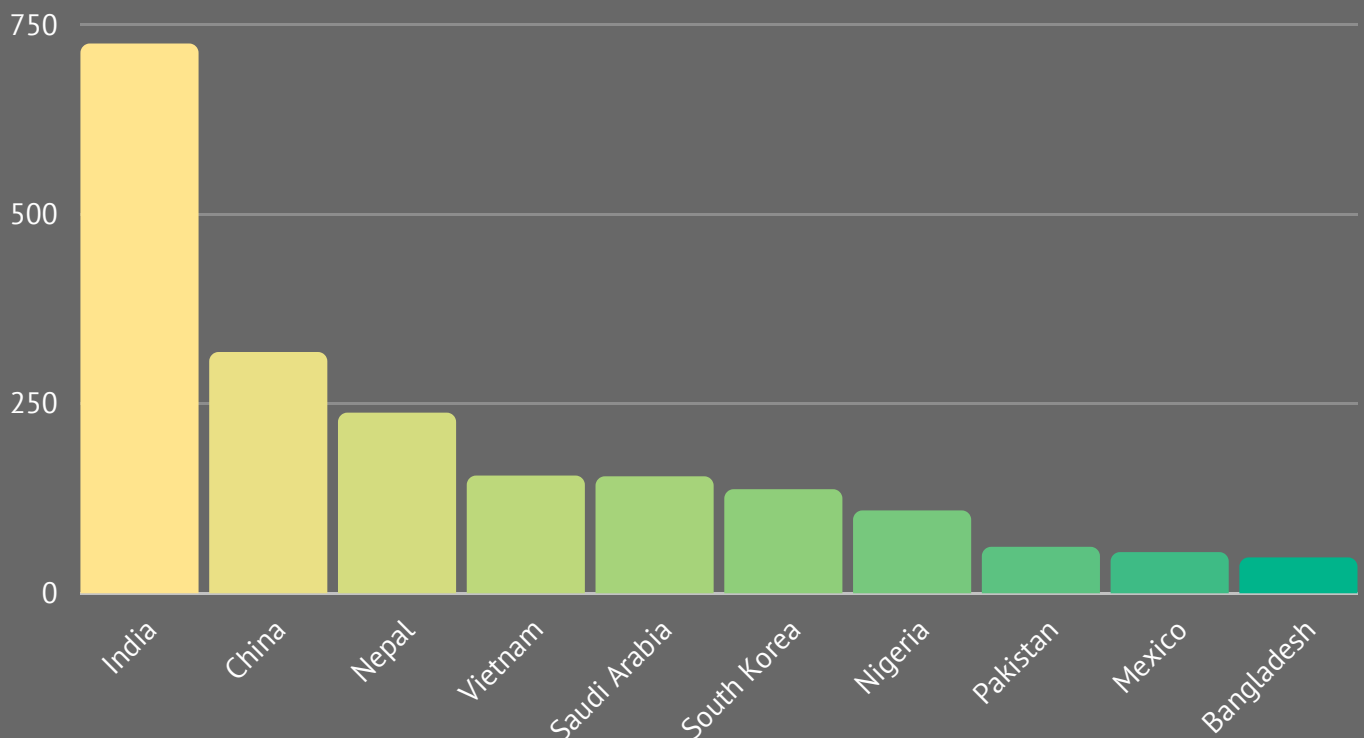


Despite the ongoing pandemic and international student enrollment declines across the nation, UNT welcomed another record setting international student cohort in Fall 2020.

Undergraduate Students	<b>1172</b>
Master's Students	<b>830</b>
Ph.D. Students	<b>632</b>
Other International Students	<b>15</b>

## TOP TEN COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN

Population of international student enrollment by country of origin. Students from these 10 countries make up 75% of the international student population at UNT.



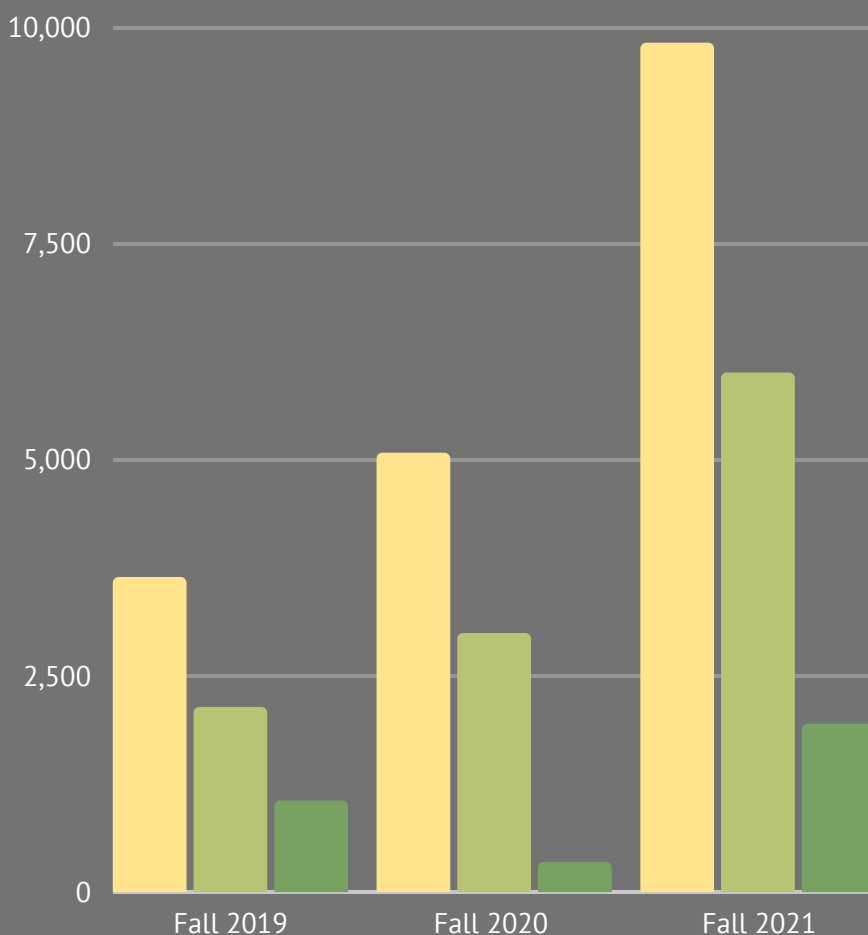
## INTERNATIONAL RECRUITMENT

reports tremendous growth in international applicants over the past three years. Trending markets include India, Vietnam and Nepal.

### APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

### ADMITTED STUDENTS

### ENROLLED STUDENTS



## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AND SCHOLAR SERVICES

provides immigration support to international students on non-immigrant visas.

This support includes more than **25,000 SEVIS actions** (processing initial I-20 documents for admitted students, DS-2019 documentation for researchers and scholars, and updating student information with the Department of Homeland Security.)

In addition to providing services to current and incoming international student populations, the office supported more than **650 UNT graduates with Optional Practical Training** post graduation and approximately **400 students participating in Curricular Practical Training**.

## UNDERGRADUATE INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AND FOREIGN LANGUAGE GRANT

International Affairs and the College of Merchandising, Hospitality and Tourism, are proud to have received a U.S. Department of Education Grant, "Globalizing the Educational Experience: The College of Merchandising, Hospitality & Tourism." The \$180,000 grant covers a 2 year period.

The grant focuses on the internationalization of curriculum and co-curricular programming to prepare undergraduate students in the College of Merchandising, Hospitality, and Tourism for the global workforce.

The grant supports the development of new courses in CMHT, Spanish, and World Languages, Literatures, and Cultures along with curriculum internationalization in the departments of Merchandising and Digital Retailing and Hospitality and Tourism Management.

International Affairs Study Abroad and CMHT will collaborate to develop new study abroad programs and internships to Costa Rica and Japan. Additional components include international programs and events, globalizing the CMHT career fairs, and providing language and cultural training through an online certificate program.

## CAMPUS INTERNATIONALIZATION

- 127 partner institutions in 30 countries
- 66 virtual campus internationalization events
- 1,150 students participated in campus internationalization events
- \$240,570 in scholarships and grants provided to UNT students

## GRADUATE RESEARCH EXPERIENCES ABROAD TRAVEL GRANT (GREAT GRANT)

- 2 students traveled to South Korea in Summer 2021 to conduct GREAT Grant research projects. *Projects had been postponed in summer 2020 due to the pandemic.*



## FULBRIGHT U.S. STUDENT PROGRAM

- 52.6% of UNT applicants selected as semi-finalists
- **50% of UNT semi-finalists selected as finalists**
- 5 UNT students/alumni selected to receive a Fulbright U.S. Student Program award
- 2 UNT students/alumni selected as alternates

## FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR PROGRAM

- **Dave Meder, Assistant Professor of Jazz Piano**, received a 2021-22 Fulbright U.S. Scholar Award for Visual and Performing Arts to teach at the Cairo Conservatoire in Egypt

## UNT FACULTY ASSOCIATE FOR FULBRIGHT PROGRAMS

- Meet **Dr. Carol Anne Costabile-Heming, Professor of German and 2002 Fulbright Scholar to Germany**
- The UNT Faculty Associate for Fulbright Programs is a joint initiative of International Affairs, the Office for Faculty Success, and the Toulouse Graduate School to assist UNT's Fulbright Program Advisor and Scholar Liaison in supporting faculty and students with their applications.



## INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS AND VISITORS

- **43 visiting scholars from 15 countries**
  - The number of visiting international scholars in 2020-21 was low due to the pandemic. On average, UNT hosts about 130 visiting scholars each year.
- **15 virtual delegation meetings were held with partners from Chile, China, Kazakhstan, and India.**

# STUDY ABROAD AT UNT Fall 2020, Spring and Summer 2021

- 36 UNT Students studied abroad in 8 countries
- 3 College of Merchandising, Hospitality and Tourism students participated in a new internship program with Costa Rica in summer 2021
- UNT's increased commitment to **career readiness** is marked by an increase in demand for (and the subsequent development of) **international internship programs** for 2022

\*Study abroad participation in 2020-21 was low due to the pandemic. On average, about 500 students participate in study abroad each year.

## STUDY ABROAD PASSPORT ACCEPTANCE FACILITY

- 1,007 Passport Applications processed between December 2020 and August 2021
- 1,609 Photos processed between December 2020 and August 2021
- \$45,000 in Revenue generated for Study Abroad initiatives at UNT

## LOOKING AHEAD TO WINTER 2021-22 STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS





# INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

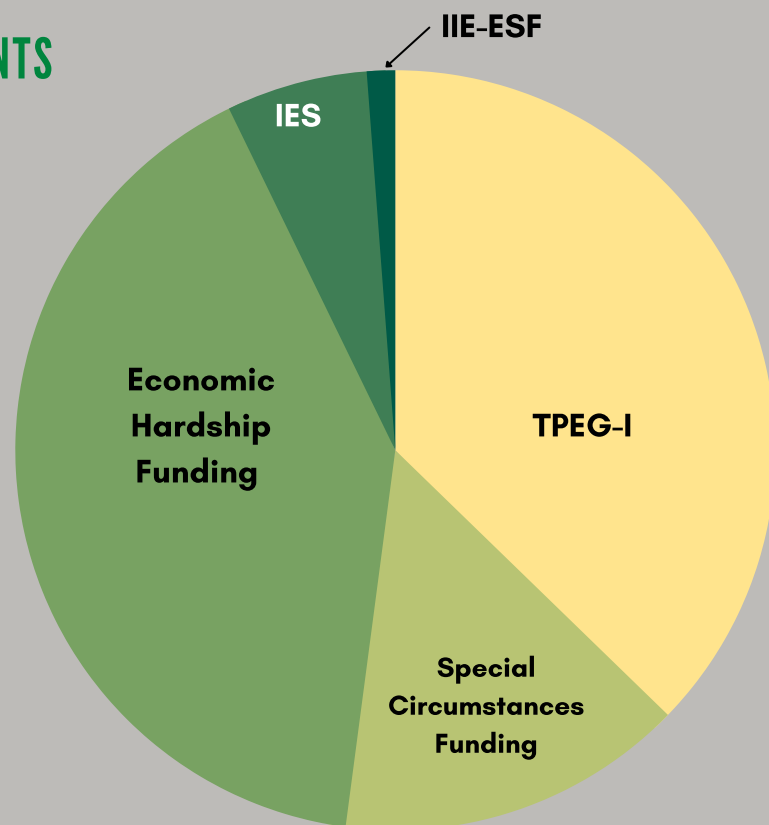
1150 STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN 66 VIRTUAL CAMPUS INTERNATIONALIZATION PROGRAMS & EVENTS



## SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS 2020-21

**\$249,570 AWARDED TO 319 UNT STUDENTS**

- **62 International Students** received \$93,000 in Texas Public Education Grants (TPEG-I)
- **27 International Students** received \$37,000 in Special Circumstances Funding
- **213 International Students** received \$101,570 in Economic Hardship Funding
- **2 International Students** received \$3,000 from the IIE Emergency Student COVID-19 Relief Fund
- **15 UNT Students** received \$15,000 in International Education Scholarships (IES)



# INTENSIVE ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

## IELI AWARDED A U.S.- KAZAKHSTAN UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM GRANT

- \$40,000 U.S.-Kazakhstan University Partnerships Program Grant
- Training program to better integrate English language into classroom curriculum
- English Language Learning provided to 23 Kazakhstani university professors
- Grant sponsored by the American Councils for International Education

## IELI WELCOMES ALEX HARRIS, PROGRAM DIRECTOR FOR IELI AT KANSAI GAIDAI UNIVERSITY IN JAPAN

Alex Harris began his work in international education as a tutor and volunteer. That experience led him to Japan, where he got his start by teaching English as a full-time teacher.

He has been an adjunct, lecturer, and administrator as part of a university-governed intensive English program in the US specializing in English for Academic Purposes. Alex has also been a visiting professor for a number of years in a special summer program for a renowned university in Niigata, Japan.



## IELI YEAR IN REVIEW



- **9 students on average per class**
- **26 countries** represented
- 33 students participated in **Conversation Partners**
- 4 levels offered in both **Communication and Writing classes**

# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION COUNCIL

Launched in Fall 2020, the International Affairs Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Council cultivates an inclusive and welcoming environment for all faculty, staff, and students through action and engagement in anti-discriminatory practices, anti-racism education, community empowerment, and campus internationalization.

DEI activities included discussions on Ibram X. Kendi's *How to be an Antiracist* and the film *This is Us: To Work* as part of the Denton Black Film Festival, and Ted Talk viewings and discussions on "The Danger of Silence" with Clint Smith and "Put the Financial Aid in the Bag" with Carvens Lissaint.

The Council also spent time reviewing the 2018 Campus Inclusion Climate Survey and posted its findings on the web at [international.unt.edu](http://international.unt.edu).

## 2020-21 DEI COUNCIL MEMBERS

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