

UNT INTERNATIONAL

Annual Report 2016-17

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UNT is more than a degree,
it's an experience.
It captures the essence of
diversity not only in its students,
but in clubs and organizations,
variety of degree plans and
even in the cafeteria food.
To me, UNT is and always will
be my home away from home.

Kimendran Chetty, South Africa
UNT alumnus 2017



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Graduates are recognized at the 2017 International Sash Ceremony

A Letter from Dr. Pia Wood

Vice Provost and Dean for International Affairs



Colleagues and Friends,

It gives me great pleasure to share with you the UNT International Annual Report highlighting the accomplishments and milestones from the 2016-17 academic year.

According to NAFSA: Association of International Educators, UNT comes in at number nine on its 2017 list of Top Higher Education Institutions in Texas with international students contributing \$66.9 million to the North Texas economy and supporting 974 jobs.

For Fall 2016, UNT had a total international student enrollment of 2,194, representing 121 countries around the world. International graduate students numbered 1,335 and international undergraduate students numbered 859. Students from China, India and Saudi Arabia made up 49% of the international student population at UNT.

UNT received a 2017 Senator Paul Simon Spotlight Award from NAFSA for its Heart of Mexico Literary and Visual Storytelling Project. This award is presented each year to no more than three institutions with innovative internationalization programs and initiatives. President Neal Smatresk accepted the award at a ceremony in Washington, D.C. on November 14, 2017.

International Education Week and Global Citizens Month enjoyed record participation from departments, colleges and student organizations across campus and added to the opportunities for UNT students to learn about other cultures and countries.

420 UNT students studied abroad in 45 countries. 335 of these students received more than \$628,000 in grants and scholarships. UNT undergraduates Stormie Garza and Cecilia Serrano were awarded Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarships to study abroad in Indonesia and Costa Rica, respectively.

Jhoalmo Sibrian, UNT Class of 2017, was a Fulbright U.S. Student Program grantee and will be an English Teaching Assistant in Colombia. Jadzia Hardman, UNT Class of 2017, was the first student to graduate with the UNT Peace Corps Prep Certificate. She is currently on assignment with the Peace Corps.

Faculty are increasingly engaged in scholarly activities around the world. UNT-I is contributing to this research and scholarship through its global grants programs. In 2016-17, UNT-I distributed more than 60 global grants totaling over \$92,000 in funding.

I was pleased and honored to join UNT in October 2017 and look forward to working with UNT administration, faculty, staff, and students to create a more internationalized campus and to raise UNT's profile around the world.

Sincerely,
Dr. Pia Wood
Vice Provost and Dean of International Affairs



UNT INTERNATIONAL

DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

UNT International is guide and champion for internationalization at the University of North Texas.

The division supports international teaching, research and service. At UNT-I, we strive to enrich campus life by welcoming international students and scholars, cultivating global citizens among students, and fostering global connections between UNT and institutions, communities and people around the world.

UNT International functions in a leadership and facilitation role to support the university's global endeavors and international agenda. We provide expertise, assistance, and support to faculty, staff, students and administration in all international activities.

Global Engagement

The Global Engagement office advises colleges on the development of global programs, manages UNT's international agreements and contracts, and oversees the division's data collection and analysis.

Global Engagement acts as steward for campus internationalization by encouraging global scholarship, administering Fulbright and intramural grants, and promoting other global opportunities for faculty and students.

Intensive English Language Institute

Established in 1977, the Intensive English Language Institute is the longest-standing program of its kind in North Texas and one of the most prestigious programs for learning academic English in the United States.

Now celebrating its 40th year, the Intensive English Language Institute has partnered with an on-campus program at Kansai Gaidai University in Japan and regularly welcomes high school and college students to UNT during summer for the American Culture and Communication Program. IELI also conducts the International Teaching Assistants testing and training program for UNT.



IELI averages 12 students per class



President Neal Smatresk congratulating Aditya Ayyagari, doctoral student, Materials Science & Engineering, at the 2017 International Sash Ceremony

International Recruitment Office

The International Recruitment Office recruits well-qualified and diverse international students to UNT colleges and schools. Its core activities include converting international prospects to applicants via digital outreach and recruitment at feeder institutions both abroad and in the U.S. Office staff work regularly with high school counselors, foreign faculty, U.S. higher education advisors and UNT alumni. UNT's top recruitment markets include China, India and South Korea.

International Student and Scholar Services

International Student and Scholar Services provides support to international students and scholars engaged in academic activities at the University of North Texas System. The office serves as the primary campus and system resource on immigration matters pertaining to all non-immigrant visa types.

Office staff provide quality advising, education and specialized programming to support the international student and scholar populations at UNT.

Sponsored Student Programs

The Office of Sponsored Student Programs maintains relationships with sponsoring agencies around the world to place fully and partially funded international students into undergraduate, graduate and academic English language programs at UNT.

In addition, the office coordinates a variety of special programs for undergraduate and graduate international students including the 1+2+1 China Transfer program sponsored by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities and the China Center for International Educational Exchange.

Study Abroad Office

The Study Abroad Office coordinates affiliate, exchange and faculty led programs for UNT students in collaboration with the University's colleges and schools. The office works to create programs that inspire global citizenship, enhance curriculum, and support the academic and personal goals of UNT students from all majors and backgrounds.

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DATA & STATISTICS



International student enrollment for Fall 2016 was **2,194**. International students represented **121** countries around the world.

INTERNATIONAL RECRUITMENT

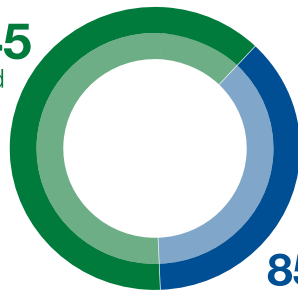
Top 3 Countries of Origin at UNT



Students from **China, India** and **Saudi Arabia** make up **49%** of the international student population at UNT.

UNT received **4,400** international student applications from **135** countries in 2016-17.

1,945
admitted



858
matriculated

IELI students represented 31 countries during the 2016-17 year

Brazil	Indonesia	Nepal	Taiwan
China	Iran	Oman	Thailand
Colombia	Iraq	Palestine	Turkey
The Congo	Japan	Panama	United States
Cote D'Ivoire	Jordan	Saudi Arabia	Venezuela
France	Kuwait	South Korea	Vietnam
Georgia	Malaysia	Spain	Yemen
India	Mexico	Sri Lanka	

GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT



UNT has more than **148** international agreements and contracts with **124** partner institutions in **31** countries around the world as of July 20, 2017.

Throughout the past year, UNT faculty, staff and students received intramural funding to conduct **347** global scholarly activities involving more than **50** countries.*

*Does not include individuals in the J-1 Visa Exchange Visitor Program

International students enrolled at UNT contribute \$66.9 million to the local economy and support **974 jobs** in Denton county.**

1 out of 3 international students chooses to study in **California, New York or Texas***

*Open Doors Report 2015-16
**NAFSA 2016-17

An estimated **\$36 million** in tuition and fees was generated by undergraduate and graduate international student enrollment in 2016-17.

Based on Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 enrollment using Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 undergraduate and graduate full-time tuition rates and fees for non-residents (12 credit hours for undergraduates and 9 credit hours for graduates). This estimate does not include IELI or Sponsored Student fees.



SPONSORED STUDENT PROGRAMS

Sponsored Student Programs generated revenue in excess of **\$10,600,000** in 2016-17.

Sponsored students represented **20%** of UNT international student enrollment in Fall 2016.

Sponsored students represented **36%** of Intensive English Language Institute enrollment in Fall 2016.

Sponsored students are fully and partially funded by external agencies.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

UNT hosted **76** international scholars from **18** countries.

Programming staff hosted international orientations for undergraduate and graduate students, **8** Global EncoUNTERS to further campus internationalization, and numerous student outreach activities around country holidays and special events.

& SCHOLAR SERVICES



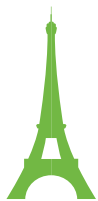
INTENSIVE ENGLISH

Total enrollment for Fall 2016 was **256** students.

IELI's program at Kansai Gaidai University in Japan increased by **15%** in 2017, and more than **90%** of those students have the English proficiency required to enroll at U.S. institutions.

555 former IELI students are currently enrolled at UNT.

LANGUAGE INSTITUTE



STUDY ABROAD OFFICE

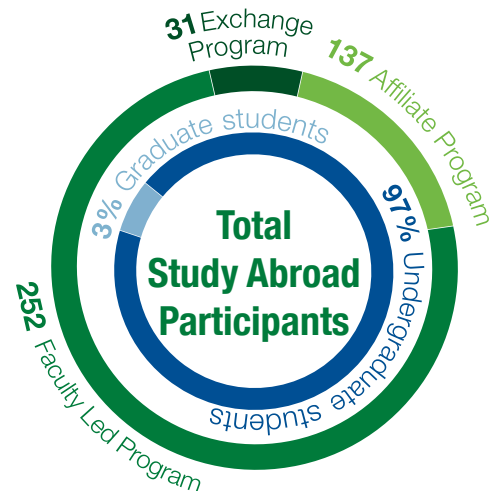
420 UNT students studied abroad in **45** countries.

Top 5 Study Abroad Destinations for UNT Students

1 United Kingdom | 2 France | 3 Spain | 4 Mexico/Costa Rica | 5 China

Top 5 Colleges & Schools for Study Abroad at UNT

- 1 College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
- 2 College of Health and Public Service
- 3 Mayborn School of Journalism
- 4 College of Science
- 5 College of Merchandising, Hospitality & Tourism



27% of these students participated in programs with multi-country destinations.

*Open Doors Report 2015-16

**NAFSA 2015-16

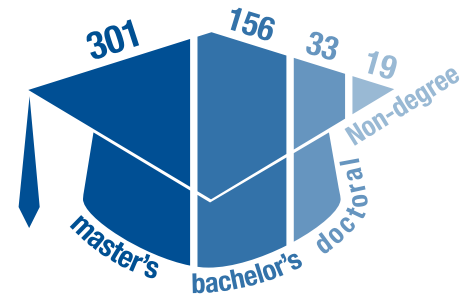
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ENROLLMENT, RETENTION & SUCCESS

509 international students representing 40 countries graduated from UNT in Fall 2016 and Spring 2017.

Top 5 Colleges & Schools Enrolling International Students at UNT

794	College of Engineering
372	College of Business
225	College of Music
216	College of Science
139	CLASS

- 1 in 3 doctoral degrees at UNT is awarded to an international student.
- 1 in 5 master's degrees at UNT is awarded to an international student.
- 1 in 20 bachelor's degrees at UNT is awarded to an international student.



Bachelor's: 3.1

AVERAGE GPA FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Master's: 3.5 Doctoral: 3.8



“Study abroad is the best learning experience a college student could ask for... it requires strapping on eagle wings and flying to unfamiliar places.”

Meagan McGregor
Hong Kong & Beijing Merchandising, Summer 2016



International Student and Scholar Services staff, University Day 2017

453 Optional Practical Training participants gained valuable work experience in North Texas after graduation.

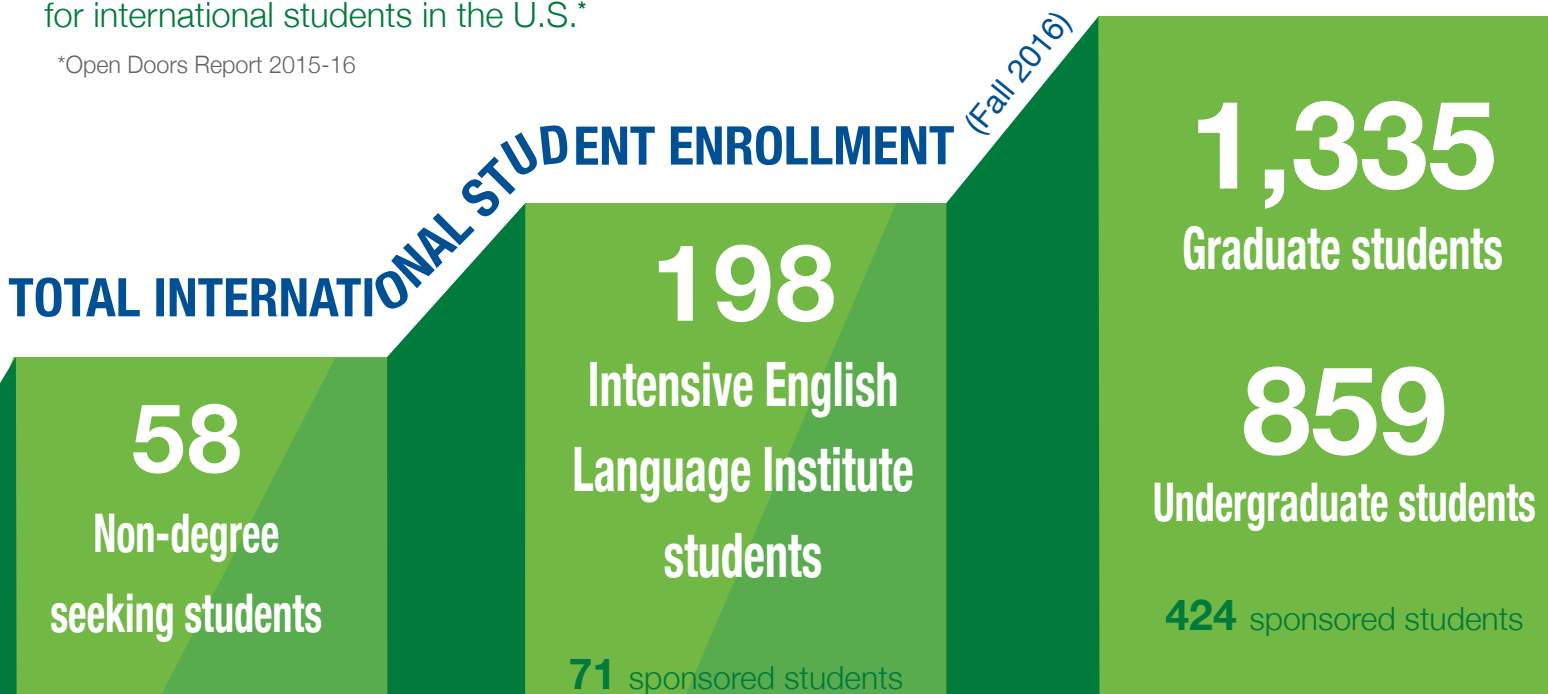
Optional Practical Training participants increased by **23% nationwide**, making OPT the **fastest growing benefit of study** for international students in the U.S.*

*Open Doors Report 2015-16



UNT is my home.
I've cried, laughed, made new friends, and learned so much inside its walls.
UNT has shaped me into the person I am today and influenced many aspects of my life.
My heart is full and **I will be Mean Green forever.**

Hala Mirza, Saudi Arabia
UNT alumna 2017



GLOBAL FUNDING & INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR FACULTY AND STAFF

UNT-I administered **62 global grants** to faculty and students, representing **\$92,414** in intramural funding.

Global Engagement Grant

Global Engagement Grants provide funding to UNT faculty for the development of global programs and initiatives that advance UNT's global engagement and global reputation, support the internationalization of the university's campus and curriculum, contribute to long-lasting, campus wide global initiatives, and/or advance UNT's global scholarship. Funded programs include:

- ALESCO Collaboration with the College of Information (Tunisia)
- Developing International ESL Internship Opportunities (Guatemala)
- Documentary Film and International Collaboration (Lebanon)
- Global Learning Opportunities and Curriculum Development for UNT Scholar (Mexico)
- Influences of Water Quality Changes on the Endangered Naked Carp (China)
- International Field Trip (IFT) Barcelona (Spain)
- Phase One: Militant Modern Colonial Armies, Post-Colonial Allies (United Kingdom)
- Psychotherapy Outcome Tracking Project (Argentina)
- Recruitment Tour to China (China)
- Spanish-Speaking Recruitment Site for HiTop Consortium (Argentina)

India Venture Fund

The India Venture Fund supports UNT's strategic priorities with India. This fund supports projects that prioritize student engagement, research engagement, local community engagement, and other initiatives. Funded programs include:

- Developing Cyberinfrastructure for Diverse User Groups: User-Centered Design of Indian Language Archive
- Examination of Military Mental Health in India
- UNT-RRCAT Bilateral Research Collaboration on Nanophotonics

China Venture Fund

The China Venture Fund supports UNT's strategic priorities with China. This fund supports projects that prioritize student engagement, research engagement, and other initiatives. Funded programs include:

- Concert and Master Class Tour in China
- Developing a Long-Term Partnership between UNT and Guangdong University of Foreign Studies
- Establishing Long-Term Partnerships with Top-Tier Public Administration Programs at Renmin University and Huazhong University

Charn Uswachoke International Development Fund

The Charn Uswachoke International Development Fund is a generous endowment from Mr. Charn Uswachoke, an alumnus from Thailand. The Charn Fund aims to contribute to the internationalization of UNT and its classrooms.

Funded programs include:

Bringing Expert Voices to “Languages of South Asia” (India)

Developing a Bi-Directional Study Abroad Program with Shanghai University of Sport (SUS) in China

Families’ Perspective on Family: Voices Around the Globe: Supporting Internationalization of UNT Students and Curriculum through a Library Repository (Iceland)

International Conflict: A Liberal Arts Perspective

The Food Net: Academic and Business-Oriented Opportunities for UNT Faculty and Students in Trentino-Alto Adige, Italy

International Professional Development Program

The Charn Fund provides support for the UNT International professional development program, which provides globally focused professional development and training for UNT faculty in support of their initiatives to internationalize curriculum and classrooms. Funded programs include:

CIEE International Faculty Development Seminars Abroad: “Portugal’s War on Drugs: Social Policy and Reform”

IES Faculty Development Seminars Abroad: “Argentina at a Crossroads”

IES Faculty Development Seminars Abroad: “Immigration in Europe: Past & Future”

Indiana University Bloomington’s “Institute for Curriculum and Campus Internationalization”



SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS AND INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

UNT provides several options for students to **gain global understanding** and competency through **academic initiatives, study abroad programs** and **connecting students with global opportunities** both before and after graduation. UNT International would like to recognize the following students for their 2016-17 awards and achievements.

Fulbright U.S. Student Program

Jhoalmo Sibrian is a Fulbright U.S. Student Program grantee and will be an English Teaching Assistant in Colombia.

Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad

José Torres-Ramos, a doctoral student in the College of Music, will conduct fieldwork in Mexico City and Guadalajara to investigate how mariachi performers and audiences construct a lifeworld of musical machismo that indexes a notion of authentic Mexican cultural identity.

Peace Corps Prep Certificate



Jadzia Hardman is a Rehabilitation Studies major and the first UNT student to graduate with the Peace Corps Prep Certificate. She graduated in May 2017 and is currently on assignment with the Peace Corps.

UNT's Peace Corps Prep Certificate allows students to complete a globally-focused certificate that counts toward their degrees while preparing students to be competitive applicants for the Peace Corps and other global careers. The Certificate provides professional global training and experience, contributes to intercultural competence and global knowledge, and builds global leadership skills. Learn more at pccprep.unt.edu

UNT International Travel Grant for Graduate Students

\$13,974 awarded to **37** UNT graduate students to support professional development and global scholarships: eligible graduate students receive assistance to present/perform at professional conferences/venues abroad.

Global Perspectives Certificate

The Global Perspectives Certificate is designed for undergraduate students to acquire the knowledge, skills and attitudes required to be engaged global citizens. A combination of coursework and international experience helps students develop cross-cultural communication skills and enhances their competitiveness to enter professional programs and the global workforce. The Certificate is open to all majors and is a collaboration of UNT International and the International Studies Program in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences. Learn more [here](#).

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

The International Texas Public Education Grant awarded **\$129,950** total scholarships to **115** students at UNT.

UNT-I awarded **\$18,000** in International Education Scholarships to **18** international students at UNT.

18 students from Mexico received Mexican Waivers allowing students to pay UNT tuition at the resident rate.

*Does not include Mexican Waiver value

UNT-I awarded **scholarships** or **waivers** to international students totaling **\$147,950** in funding.*

STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIPS

\$628,228 in grants and scholarships were awarded to **335** recipients.

267 Study Abroad participants received **\$275,700** in UNT grants and scholarships.

Affiliate program scholarships awarded **\$67,665** to **39** recipients.

National scholarships awarded **\$284,863** to **29** recipients.

Study Abroad Travel Grant - The Student Government Association has generously awarded an allocation of Student Service fees to a travel grant account administered by the UNT Study Abroad Office. Travel grants are need based and awarded to UNT students on approved programs abroad.

International Education Fee Scholarship - Student paid International Education Fees are entered into a scholarship account administered by the UNT Study Abroad Office for UNT students on approved programs abroad. This scholarship is competitive and is awarded based on a combination of merit and need.

National Scholarships for Study Abroad

Colton Lynn received a scholarship from the Fund for Education Abroad to participate in the Summer 2017 Advanced Spanish Program in Valencia, Spain. This program is one of more than 25 Faculty Led programs at UNT.

Stormie Garza and **Cecilia Serrano** were awarded Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarships. Stormie will study with SIT Study Abroad: Indonesia: Community Nature Conservation in Bali and Cecilia will study with ISA San Jose, Costa Rica: Health Care Courses in English & Medical Spanish.

International Training and Education

Shay Sellers and **Lauren Gresslin** received Chinese Government Scholarships to pursue advanced degrees in China. Shay will attend Shanghai University of Finance and Economics where he will enroll in a master's program in Law. Lauren has been accepted at East China Normal University where she will earn a master's degree in Tourism Management. Chinese Government Scholarships provide for advanced degree work at universities in China including UNT's partner universities such as East China Normal University.

Marisa Spengman will be joining the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education's Foreign Language Teaching Assistantship Program.

FACULTY SCHOLARS, SPECIAL EVENTS AND CAMPUS INTERNATIONALIZATION



University Day Flag Parade 2017

UNT is a major public research university deeply committed to advancing educational excellence and preparing students to become thoughtful, engaged citizens of the world. At UNT International, we strive to make a name for UNT around the world, to assist faculty with integrated curriculum and global research initiatives, and to encourage all UNT students to study abroad. Global engagement and international initiatives at UNT ensure that our students and graduates thrive and succeed in an everchanging world that becomes more interconnected each day.

#YouAreWelcomeHere

The You Are Welcome Here campaign kicked off in 2017 as a message of warmth and invitation from U.S. higher education institutions to international students around the world. The campaign illustrates diversity, friendliness and a staunch commitment to student development. Colleges, schools and departments across campus participated in UNT International's video, highlighting UNT's commitments to diversity, inclusion, creativity and innovation.

View the video [here](#).

Global Citizens Month

54 Events and Activities
16 Departments, Units & Student Organizations

Study Abroad Fair

400 Attendees, Partners and Vendors

International Education Week

38 Events and Activities
14 Departments, Units & Student Organizations

Global EncoUNTERS

8 Countries Featured
294 Participants
Events explore culture, history & cuisine

International Graduation Sash Ceremony

63 Graduating Students Recognized

IELI Conversation Partners

165 Participants

International Scholar Spotlight: **Jaime Barros-Rios, Ph.D.**



Jaime Barros-Rios is a J-1 Scholar and Postdoctoral Fellow from Spain in the Department of Biological Sciences at UNT. Prior to joining the research team at UNT, he earned his Ph.D. in Plant Genetics and Breeding from University of Vigo, Spain. He has pursued Postdoctoral Research in Sweden, Brazil, and most recently in the U.S. with Dr. Hans Jung at the University of Minnesota.

On Dr. Jung's recommendation, Jaime contacted Dr. Rick Dixon to pursue postdoctoral training in molecular biology at UNT. "I am really happy I came here, the environment in [Dixon's] laboratory is awesome." says Barros-Rios.

Jaime's current research aims to better understand plant metabolism in an effort to generate improved profiles of economically important natural products. The goal of his research is to accelerate the production of biofuels and chemical commodities directly from plants, to make biofuels and other bio-products a reality. Says Barros-Rios, "making this process economically viable and attractive for companies would allow us to enter into a new bio-based economy, which would in turn trigger the next green revolution." **Such high-profile research directly impacts UNT and contributes to the university's standing as a Tier One Research University.**

"In the lab you never get bored! I have felt tired, concerned, frustrated, stimulated, curious and delighted but never bored. My work experience was key to starting my research career and to recognize the potential of scientific research to benefit agriculture and society in general."

When asked about the benefits of research at UNT, Jaime applauded the availability of resources and research support here in the States. The main advantage to doing research in the U.S., he says, is the network of researchers and institutions, and the support of the government towards the advancement of knowledge.

"I love Texas weather, outdoors, food and culture in general. I am passionate about arts, I love music and feel very comfortable here at UNT," Jaime explains, "Scientific research is like any other kind of artistic expression. Producing high quality research based on solid evidence is my main goal at work. This is very important...to support the advancement of scientific research in my field."



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Milena Johnson: IELI Alumna & UNT Undergraduate Student

When Milena first moved to Denton from Colombia, the only English words she spoke were “yes, ok, and chicken,” she says with enthusiasm and a grin. A few months after her arrival she mistakenly referred to the Pope as “the potato” and quickly decided it was time to enroll in an English Language Program.



Her goals were to communicate more effectively with her in-laws and most importantly, complete the degree she had begun in her home country.

As a resident of Denton, Milena was quickly introduced to the Intensive English Language Institute at the University of North Texas.

IELI offers six levels of intensive academic language instruction focusing on speaking and reading. Pronunciation classes are also offered to students interested in improving their American English accents. At the start of each term, students take a placement exam ensuring they are placed in the level best suited to their needs. IELI offers five terms per year so students beginning at level one may progress through the program and graduate in less than 15 months.

With her eye on the prize (admission to an undergraduate UNT degree program) Milena poured her heart and soul into class time, group activities, independent study, and computer lab time. She developed friendships with people from around the world that endure fifteen years later.

“It was amazing,” she says, “It is very culturally closed in Colombia. I came here and the whole world was in front of me. People at IELI were from all over the world. I wrote letters to my mom, ‘Mami! I know people from all over the world! Middle East! Asia! Africa!’”

Milena often hosted dinner parties at her home with her classmates. Each week a different classmate from a different part of the world shared foods and traditions from their home countries. “The world is more than what you (personally) experience...you don’t have to change who you are to relate to others. IELI was the first window to this train of thought.”

After nine months of five-hour class days and endless hours studying outside of class, Milena was able to test out of the final level (level six) and enroll at UNT. She met UNT’s English Language requirement and was ready to complete her Spanish degree with a minor in French.

Milena is currently a language teacher (Spanish and French) and hopes to become an official translator.



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AWARDS, INITIATIVES AND INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

2017 Citation for Distinguished Service to International Education



Professor Cynthia Mohr,
College of Visual
Arts & Design

The 2017 Citation for Distinguished Service to International Education has been awarded to Professor [Cynthia Mohr](#), College of Visual Arts and Design. This citation honors an individual within the university who has an extraordinary record of distinguished, meritorious and longstanding service to international education.

Professor Mohr has led summer study abroad programs in Italy since 2008 and has led student educational field trips to London, Paris, and Florence since 2004. She has secured several grants for the development of student international travel and teaches in such a way as to “promote self-awareness within an international context and a sense of responsibility for global citizenship,” Andrew DeCaen, associate professor of art, College of Visual Arts and Design.

Mohr participates in international conferences, works to establish faculty and student exchange programs between UNT and universities abroad, and facilitates Border Crossings, an intercultural collaboration among students and faculty to share themes of identity and culture through various disciplines.

“I am now, and will remain eternally grateful to Cindy for the countless (and sometimes thankless) hours she has committed to giving our students outstanding international opportunities. Any of us who have been part of leading study abroad knows exactly how much effort it takes. It takes a relentless enthusiasm and Cindy has provided both in abundance.” Greg Watts, dean, College of Visual Arts and Design.

Outstanding International Student 2017: Giselle Greenidge

Giselle Greenidge, international student from Grenada, was presented with the 2017 Outstanding International Student Award at UNT’s Honors Day in April.

Giselle served as Vice President of Programming and Outreach with the Graduate Student Council. As VP, she provided meaningful programming for graduate students including the annual UNiTy Festival showcasing performers from around the world. She has taken the initiative in national and state-level advocacy efforts on the behalf of international students, hosted events with UNT International highlighting her country’s culture and history, and volunteered with numerous UNT and Denton community organizations and agencies.



AWARDS, INITIATIVES AND INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

China Undergraduate Transfer Program



President Neal Smatresk at the 14th Graduation Ceremony of the China Transfer Program in Dalian City, China

Students in China graduate with UNT degrees

UNT President Neal Smatresk recently attended the President's Forum and 14th Graduation Ceremony of the Sino-American 1+2+1 China Transfer Program in Dalian City, China.

"It's always an honor to award degrees to UNT graduates, and even more so, to be invited to present them to international students in their home country," Smatresk said. "As a top-tier university, we strive to be a thought leader not only at home, but abroad, and these educational partnerships allow us to expand our reach by recruiting and helping to train some of the brightest minds in the world."

Over the course of the program, more than 20 participating students have earned general and other academic scholarships at UNT and most earned placement on the President's and Dean's lists. Only one university per state in the U.S. is selected to participate in the program. UNT has been the choice in Texas since fall 2012.

"In the past four years, UNT has welcomed 48 China Transfer Program students from more than 20 Chinese universities, giving UNT greater international recognition and leading the way to creating future innovative programs." Aleka Myre, director, Sponsored Student Programs.



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1+3 China Transfer Program

UNT and Chinese University offer Materials Science and Engineering Transfer Program

The UNT College of Engineering has partnered with Dalian Jiaotong University in China to create a transfer program in materials science and engineering.

The 1+3 program allows qualified students to complete one year of undergraduate study at DJTU and then transfer to UNT to finish the remaining three years of study to satisfy the university's degree requirements. Students who complete the program will receive a bachelor's degree in materials science and engineering from UNT, and a bachelor's degree from DJTU.

"This partnership signifies the promotion of international collaboration in higher education and recruitment of high-quality students for UNT in Asia, including China, where fast-growing, mid-class families are looking for high quality education resources for their children," said Jincheng Du, professor of materials science and engineering and program coordinator. "This partnership provides a pipeline of high-quality undergraduate students to UNT."

The unique partnership also provides teaching opportunities at DJTU to UNT faculty from materials science and engineering and UNT International's Intensive English Language Institute.



President Neal Smatresk signing the 1+3 China Transfer Program agreement with DJTU Vice President Guan Tianmin



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AWARDS, INITIATIVES AND INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

NAFSA Senator Paul Simon Spotlight Award



The University of North Texas has received a 2017 Senator Paul Simon Spotlight Award from NAFSA for its Heart of Mexico Literary and Visual Storytelling Project.

NAFSA is the world's largest nonprofit association dedicated to international education and exchange. **The NAFSA Senator Paul Simon Spotlight Award is presented each year to no more than three institutions with innovative internationalization programs and initiatives.** UNT received the only Spotlight Award in the area of Curriculum/Faculty Development.

"The Heart of Mexico project has been the highlight of my educational career," Thorne Anderson, associate professor in UNT's Mayborn School of Journalism said. "I've seen the project change faculty and student lives, and we've fostered lasting relationships and produced deeply insightful journalism of international significance.

We've created something truly unique, and the spotlight will help us share it with a wider audience."

"The Spotlight Award represents UNT's commitment to campus internationalization and study abroad. The Heart of Mexico is a wonderful example of the importance of internationalizing teaching and curriculum and providing students with study abroad programs that promote global learning and professional training." Amy Shenberger, Director of Study Abroad.

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India Initiatives Group

A steering committee for UNT's engagements with India

The India Initiaves Group recommends strategies to academic affairs and the university at-large that aid in setting, refining, and achieving UNT's goals in India and contribute to UNT's Tier One Research University status. The group's philosophy is to enhance the university's successful engagements and visibility in India beyond individual UNT faculty/staff relationships.

Kansai Gaidai University

In the fall of 2016, the Intensive English Language Institute completed its third year at Kansai Gaidai University in Japan. The program is housed in the KGU College of Foreign Studies. More than 90 percent of enrolled students in the program have successfully completed the program meeting the English language requirements to study abroad in the U.S. In addition, the number of students who applied to begin the program in 2017 increased by almost 15 percent. A record 94 students began the year long program in April.

2017 also marked the start of a second program at Kansai Gaidai University in the College of International Professional Development. This is a two year program created for students interested in business careers. One hundred thirty students have been admitted to the new program. There are currently nine IELI instructors teaching at KGU.



China Advisory Council

UNT's internal advisory board on China engagement

The China Advisory Council is charged with making strategic recommendations to academic affairs and the university at-large in developing, refining and achieving UNT's goals in China. The council reviews and recommends partnership strategies with Chinese institutions, advises the university on academic and support initiatives that optimize engagement with China related to teaching, research and service, and provides feedback on the progress and success of China activities and programs at UNT.

AWARDS, INITIATIVES AND INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

American Culture and Communication Program

The American Culture and Communication Program offers participants a unique opportunity to learn English and increase fluency through cultural immersion, social interaction, and experiential learning.

Participants meet and network with UNT faculty and students, explore majors and future careers in the U.S., and learn about attending American universities.

Classroom instruction focuses on core English skills including grammar, listening, reading, writing, speaking and pronunciation. Participants enjoy evening activities on campus and around Denton, including sports and games, movie nights and scavenger hunts.

The program welcomed 28 students from China, Colombia, Hungary and Taiwan in Summer 2017.



ACCP students at the Fort Worth Stockyards, Summer 2017

Technological University of Panama

In April 2017, Dr. Obaldía visited UNT to meet with Dr. Graves for a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Recognition Meeting and exchange of the signed documents.

The MOA provides a framework for continued collaborations between UNT and Technological University of Panama with a focus on collaborative research and training in the field of astronomy and graduate education and collaborative research in STEM disciplines.



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