



University of North Texas

International Affairs Annual Report



2022-23



Introduction

International Affairs is a guiding force for campus internationalization at University of North Texas.

International Affairs includes:

- **Office of the Dean & Vice Provost led by Dr. Pia Wood**, Vice Provost & Dean for International Affairs
- **Office of Global Engagement led by Dr. Amanda Bennett**, Director
- **Intensive English Language Institute led by Gordon Clark**, Director & Assistant Dean
- **Programs & Communication Office led by Nicole Conant**, Associate Director
- **Budget & Operations Office led by Maia Cudhea**, Director
- **International Student & Scholar Services led by Lauren Jacobsen-Bridges**, Senior Director
- **Study Abroad Office led by Amy Shenberger**, Director
- **International Recruitment Office led by Pieter Vermeulen**, Senior Director

Together, these offices play a pivotal role in driving student mobility, fostering global partnerships and engagement, promoting curricular and co-curricular internationalization, and more.

Dedicated to both academics and student services, the goal of International Affairs is to support the university's global endeavors and international initiatives. We do this, in part, by supporting international teaching, research, and service in the provision of expertise, assistance, and training to faculty, staff, students, and administrators.



Pia Wood, Vice Provost & Dean for International Affairs



Colleagues and Friends,

It is a pleasure to share with you the latest annual report from International Affairs. 2022–23 was a productive and busy year for our team and as always, our accomplishments and successes depend on the generous collaboration from faculty, staff, students, and administrators across the UNT campus.

- **UNT enrolled the highest number of international students yet to date – 7,594 international students from 117 countries in Spring 2023.** The Office of International Recruitment and the Office of International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS) collaborated with numerous colleges & offices across campus to achieve this outstanding result.
- **UNT was named a 2022 Top HSI Fulbright Producer** in large part due to the hard work of Drs. Amanda Bennett and Carol Anne Costabile-Heming. Eight UNT students received highly competitive Fulbright awards.
- **Dr. Sadaf Munshi was awarded UNT's Citation for Distinguished Service to International Education** based on her numerous contributions to campus internationalization.
- The UNT Study Abroad Office awarded \$647,000 in scholarships and 9 UNT students received the prestigious Gilman Scholarship.
- The International Programs and Communication Office put on an **outstanding array of programs that reached more than 2,000 students.**
- **International Affairs hosted 7 international delegation visits from partners** in South Korea, Thailand, and Scotland among others.

Finally, I would like to recognize the dedication, professionalism, and excellent work of every member of the International Affairs team. This year, several IA team members were recognized with awards or elected to leadership positions.

- **Amanda Bennett** was selected to serve as a Fulbright Program Advisor Mentor.
- **Lauren Jacobsen-Bridges** was selected to receive the Fulbright International Education Administrators Award to South Korea.
- **Yunju Langran** received the 2023 UNT Student Success Award.
- **Liz Cosgrove Ford**, was elected to serve as the North Texas Representative to NAFSA Region III.
- **Rekha Gopalakrishnan** is serving as the Chair of the DFW Advisors Forum.

I look forward to continuing our collaborative work with our UNT colleagues and with our international partners around the world.

Sincerely,

International Student Enrollment

In 2022-23, international student enrollment at UNT surpassed **7,500**.

In Spring 23, international students from **117** countries totaled **7,594**.

In Fall 23, international student enrollment at UNT surpassed **8,500**.

UNT has maintained a remarkable track record for five consecutive years, **ranking among the top 10 universities in the U.S. with the fastest growing international student populations**, as reported by the Institute of International Education's Open Doors Report (IIE, 2017-21.)

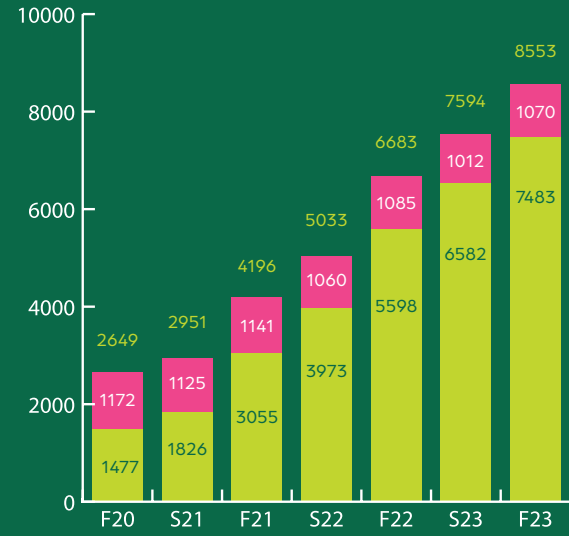
Considering this continuing enrollment trend, International Recruitment was thrilled to welcome two new full-time staff members in 2022: Joe Knight, Assistant Director, and Courtney Cannon, International Recruiter. During 2022-23, staff members from the International Recruitment Office participated in university recruitment trips to **Bangladesh, Canada, Colombia, India, Kuwait, Nepal, Oman, Mexico, Pakistan, South Korea, Taiwan, the United Arab Emirates, and Vietnam**.

77% of international students are from India.

77% of international students are enrolled in master's degree programs.

40% of international students are enrolled in the College of Engineering.

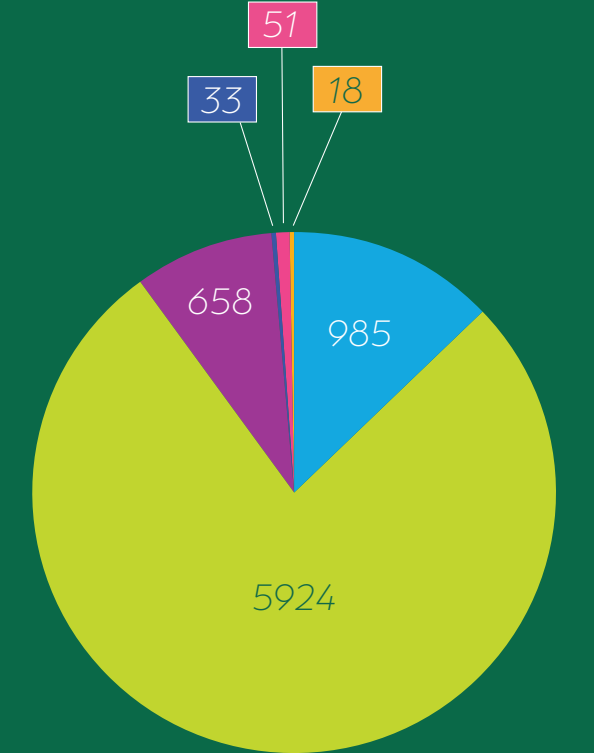
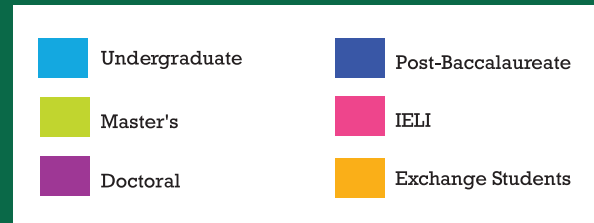
Growth Comparison Chart, 2020-2023



Top 10 Countries by Enrollment

- India, 5900**
- China, 240**
- Nepal, 174**
- Vietnam, 169**
- Nigeria, 134**
- Saudi Arabia, 105**
- South Korea, 105**
- Bangladesh, 81**
- Mexico, 68**
- Pakistan, 67**

Enrollment by Classification, Spring 2023



To learn more about international student enrollment trends, please visit our [Global Engagement dashboard](https://international.unt.edu) at international.unt.edu.

Co-Curricular Programs

International Programs and Communication (IPC) provides opportunities for cross-cultural engagement and exposure to countries and cultures across the globe. Programs like Language Exchange, International Social Hour, the Discover Series, and the World Fair foster relationships among peers from different cultures and help to build campus community.

IPC also provides international student-specific services to help new students adjust to life in the United States and life at UNT.

All incoming international students at UNT are required to participate in WINGS – an online International Student Pre-Arrival Orientation hosted in Canvas. WINGS is enhanced by weekly virtual Q&A sessions with campus partners, mini campus tours upon student arrival, and an in-person resource fair at the start of each semester.

1,780 students participated in WINGS Orientation in Fall 22.

2,191 students participated in WINGS Orientation in Spring 23.

2,045 UNT students participated in **89** cultural and community building programs in 2022–23.



International Student Thanksgiving Dinner with the Division of Student Affairs

"It's a place I can meet people, be myself, & learn about more cultures as well as teach mine to others."

International Student Welcome Event and Football 101 with Athletics



IPC also provides resources and information to international students on their U.S. tax responsibilities.

International Student Tax Workshops, hosted in conjunction with the UNT Student Money Management Center, introduce international students to their U.S. tax responsibilities, and share valuable resources available for student use.

International Affairs also contracts with Glacier Tax Prep to offer international students free tax preparation services.

3000+ students utilized Glacier Tax Prep services in 2022–23.

108 students participated in Tax Workshops and Drop-In Tax sessions.

"As a bilingual student, these events not only made me feel welcomed and involved...these events allowed me to make new friends and find interests that I could pursue at UNT."



World Fair is hosted each long semester by International Affairs. The tabling event includes students, student organizations, and departments from across campus to celebrate the many vibrant cultures, countries, and languages represented on campus.

Japanese Tea Ceremony with Chado Urasenke Tankokai Dallas Fort Worth Association.



University Day Parade of Nations with UNT's African Percussion Ensemble.



International Mother Language Day celebrates languages spoken around the world.



Discover Series events were hosted by students from Afghanistan, Brazil, Costa Rica, Japan, Nepal, Mexico, Portugal, and South Korea. These lively discussions and presentations provide students valuable public speaking and leadership opportunities.



Each year, International Affairs hosts a **Peace Corps Stories** panel with Returned Peace Corps Volunteers from the local DFW area. The program provides interested students an insider's look at what it's like to serve in the Peace Corps.

The Peace Corps Prep Program (PCPP) is a formal partnership between the University of North Texas and the U.S. Peace Corps.



Study Abroad

494 UNT Students studied abroad in **23** countries worldwide

296 Students participated in Faculty Led programs.

107 Students participated in Affiliate programs.

15 Students participated in Exchange programs.

14 Students participated in Internships abroad.

Explore the World. Find Yourself.

“We have been to so many plays, done workshops with such great artists, and learned so much rich history about theatre. By coming to London, it allowed us to fully engage in the world of theatre... It's really hard to fully grasp [it] unless you're immersed in that environment.”

Nina participated in the UNT Theatre in London program. Students explored London's historical center of theatre by attending acclaimed shows on the West End, touring Shakespeare's birthplace, Stratford-Upon-Avon, and more!

Morocco's Arabic Film and Culture program participants toured the cities of Rabat, Casablanca, Fez, and Chefchaouen in addition to attending lectures and film screenings.



“Some of my favorite parts of the experience have been getting to see beautiful, world-famous art in person instead of a textbook or projected on a screen. I've also loved getting closer with some classmates and making new friends.”

Cuinn spent one month in Florence, Italy on a faculty led program for Renaissance Studies. In addition to the UNT course, students earned internship credit from one of the city's famous museums, cathedrals, galleries, or libraries. Cuinn earned credit by interning at San Giorgio Library.



Between classes, students on the British Broadcasting in London, UK program enjoyed excursions to Hampton Court Palace, Oxford, Alexandra Palace, the Churchill War Rooms, and Stonehenge, pictured here.

Our Top 10 Destinations

- UK
- Spain
- Japan
- France
- Multi-Country
- Italy
- South Korea
- Ireland
- Germany
- Morocco

Fulbright at UNT

The **Fulbright Program** is the flagship international education exchange program administered by the U.S. government. The Fulbright Scholar Program provides faculty and professionals with opportunities to teach, conduct research, and undertake professional projects abroad while the Fulbright Specialist Program enables UNT faculty to serve as academic consultants on projects at host universities abroad. The Fulbright U.S. Student Program supports graduate study, independent research and projects, and teaching English abroad. Similarly, the Fulbright Visiting Scholar and Foreign Student programs support opportunities for faculty and students to participate in research, teaching, or graduate study in the U.S.

Fulbright Scholars

Fulbright International Education Administrators Award to South Korea

Lauren Jacobsen-Bridges, Senior Director of International Student and Scholar Services, received an award to join the Fulbright International Education Administrators Program to South Korea. During this two-week program in June 2023, Lauren joined 8 other international education administrators from around the United States to visit 15 universities, make professional connections, and learn about higher education in South Korea.

Fulbright Scholar Award to Germany

Dr. Andrew Torget, Associate Professor of History, received a four-month Fulbright Scholar award to teach courses at the University of Bremen about American history, the history of slavery in the U.S., and the history of German migration to Texas during the 19th century. Additionally, Dr. Torget conducted research at the German Emigration Center archives in support of his forthcoming book about Galveston, Texas during the 19th century with a focus on immigration from Germany to Texas.

Fulbright Specialists

Dr. Saraju Mohanty, Professor of Computer Science and Engineering, was selected as Fulbright-Nehru Specialist in 2023 to K.L. University Guntur in Andhra Pradesh, India.

The following UNT faculty and staff were selected for the Fulbright Specialist Roster and are eligible to be matched to a project at a university abroad:

Dr. Dorothy Bland, Professor, Mayborn School of Journalism
Dr. Sian Brannon, Senior Associate Dean, UNT Libraries
Kimberly Houser, Clinical Assistant Professor, Ryan College of Business
Dr. Julie Leventhal, Principal Lecturer, Honors College



Fulbright Students

The following UNT students and alumni were selected for the Fulbright U.S. Student Program 2022-23 awards:

Samuel Gaskin, Study/Research Award, France
Megan Kelly, Study/Research Award, Chile
Alexa Torres Skillicorn, Study/Research Award, Poland
Alexa DeCarlo, English Teaching Assistant Award, Romania
Zoe Czarnecki, English Teaching Assistant Award, Germany
Conner Essex, English Teaching Assistant Award, Germany
Samuel Hallerman, English Teaching Assistant Award, Germany
Lezli McDaniel, English Teaching Assistant Award, Germany

Visit of the Executive Director of the Hungarian Fulbright Commission

UNT hosted Dr. Karoly Jókay, Executive Director of the Hungarian-American Commission for Educational Exchange, in October 2022. Dr. Jókay participated in class talks as well as presented about Fulbright opportunities in Hungary available to faculty and students.

Fulbright Faculty Week and Student Week

UNT hosted Fulbright Faculty Week in February 2023 to recognize UNT faculty who have received Fulbright awards as well as provide faculty with information and resources for applying to Fulbright awards. Later in March 2023, UNT hosted Fulbright Student Week to recognize student accomplishments with Fulbright and connect students to Fulbright opportunities through class talks, information sessions, and webinars.

Fulbright Welcome Reception for Visiting Fulbright Scholars and Students

UNT was a leading university in the North Texas region in 2022-23 for receiving Visiting Fulbright Scholars and Students. UNT hosted the first-ever reception for Visiting Fulbright Scholars and Students in September 2022 to welcome them to campus.



UNT Named a 2022 Top HSI Fulbright Producer



Welcome Reception for Visiting Scholars & Students



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Faculty Engagement



Citation for Distinguished Service to International Education

Each year, International Affairs welcomes nominations for the Citation for Distinguished Service to International Education. The citation honors an individual within the university community who has an exemplary record of distinguished, meritorious, and longstanding service to international education and internationalization at UNT.

The 2023 Citation was awarded to **Dr. Sadaf Munshi**, Professor of Linguistics in the College of Information. Dr. Munshi's research focuses on language documentation, in particular the languages of South Asia.

Over the course of her fifteen-year tenure at UNT, Dr. Munshi has made significant contributions to internationalization efforts on campus. She has served as host to several J-1 Exchange Visitors and other international scholars, taught both undergraduate and graduate courses enriched with strong international elements, and served as a member of the UNT Fulbright Campus Committee. According to one former student, Dr. Munshi has had an incredible impact on the trajectory of his research and career, nurturing his development as an international scholar and doctoral student.

Dr. Munshi's invaluable contributions have been instrumental in fostering campus internationalization at UNT, earning her well-deserved appreciation from both colleagues and students.



Faculty Associate for Fulbright Programs

The Faculty Associate for Fulbright Programs is a position created by the Office for Faculty Success, Toulouse Graduate School, and International Affairs to promote Fulbright opportunities to UNT faculty and students in collaboration with UNT's Fulbright Program Advisor and Scholar Liaison.

Carol Anne Costabile-Heming, Ph.D., Professor of German, UNT World Languages, Literatures and Cultures and Fulbright Scholar to Germany, 2002.

Faculty Associates for the Community of Respect

The Faculty Associates for the Community of Respect were created by the Office for Faculty Success and International Affairs. They are responsible for developing workshop curriculum, serving as workshop instructors, and promoting the Community of Respect workshop to the campus community.

Brian Lain, PhD, Professor & Director of Debate, Department of Communication Studies, College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences.

Rachita Sharma, PhD, Chair, Clinical Assistant Professor & UNTWell Clinic Director, Department of Rehabilitation & Health Services, College of Health & Public Service.



Institutional Partnerships & Collaborations



UNT has formalized partnership activities through international agreements with more than 120 institutions in 30 countries.

Delegation Trips Abroad



South Korea and Japan

Provost McPherson led a UNT delegation to South Korea and Japan in November 2022. In South Korea, Provost McPherson along with Dr. Pia Wood, Vice Provost and Dean of International Affairs, and Dr. John Richmond, Dean of the College of Music, visited five universities. The visit resulted in UNT establishing two new study abroad exchange programs in South Korea. Following the visit to South Korea, Provost McPherson and Dr. Wood traveled to Japan to visit three additional universities.

Chile

Provost McPherson visited Chile in June 2023 to meet with UNT's partner universities and toured the newly inaugurated Cape Horn Sub-Antarctic Center in Puerto Williams.



China

In June 2023, Dr. Pia Wood, Vice Provost and Dean of International Affairs, and Mr. Pieter Vermeulen, Senior Director of International Recruitment, visited China to meet with recruitment partners and the Ministry of Education.

Delegation Visits to UNT

Hanyang University visited UNT on February 17, 2023 to discuss opportunities for enhancing exchange and other collaborations.

Dundee University, one of UNT's study abroad exchange partners in the United Kingdom, visited UNT on September 27, 2022 along with representatives from Abertay University and Stirling University, to discuss opportunities for study abroad and graduate degrees in Scotland.

Kasetsart University President, Dr. Chongrak Wachrinrat, along with a delegation of university leaders from Kasetsart University and their wind ensemble students, visited UNT on July 18, 2023. During the visit, UNT President Smatresk hosted the delegation for lunch and the two universities renewed their Memorandum of Agreement. The wind ensemble students gave a public performance at the Murchison Performing Arts Center.



RIT Kosovo President Kamal Shahrabi visited UNT on November 7, 2022 to discuss enhancing study abroad opportunities for UNT students. RIT Kosovo is a study abroad affiliate partner and offers a Peace and Conflict Summer Program to Kosovo for UNT students.

Sookmyung Women's University Dr. Yunkeum Chang, President, and other leadership from SKU visited UNT on August 2, 2023 to explore potential areas of collaboration. The delegation received a tour of Willis Library, visited with President Smatresk, and attended a lunch meeting with university administrators.



Ajou University Vice President for International Affairs, Dr. Shin Goo Kang, along with Rachel Kwon, Partnership Manager, visited UNT on August 3, 2023 to explore student mobility collaborations.

J1 Exchange Scholars & Reception

67 Visiting Scholars from **23** countries.

Represented countries included **Argentina, Bangladesh, Brazil, China, France, Germany, India, Iran, Kuwait, Mexico, Morocco, Pakistan, Philippines, South Korea, Spain, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Turkey, and Zimbabwe.**

Colleges hosting Visiting Scholars included Education, Engineering, Health & Public Service, Information, Liberal Arts & Social Sciences, Music, Science, and Visual Arts and Design.

The 2022 International Scholar Reception was held on November 4 to recognize the contributions of international scholars to research and innovation at UNT.

Scholars had the opportunity to share their research and explore potential collaboration with other departments. Dr. Pia Wood, Vice Provost and Dean of International Affairs hosted the event and Dr. Holly Hutchins, Vice Provost for Faculty Success addressed attendees.

Global Grants & Awards

International Affairs supports the global engagement and scholarly endeavors of UNT faculty and graduate students through internal funds.

Charn Uwachoke International Development Fund: supports faculty curriculum internationalization projects and provided two (2) awards in 2022-23.

Global Venture Fund: supports faculty in hosting academic conferences at UNT, conducting collaborative research/creative activities abroad, or hosting visiting international scholars on campus. UNT provided eight (8) awards in 2022-23.

International Travel Grant: supports graduate students who receive a Toulouse Graduate School Travel Grant and who are presenting research at a conference abroad. UNT provided eighteen (18) awards in 2022-23.

Graduate Research Experiences Abroad Travel (GREAT) Grant: supports thesis/dissertation research abroad. UNT provided nineteen (19) awards in 2022-23.

Philip Dizack, Assistant Professor of Jazz Trumpet, was selected to participate in the Erasmus+ Program, an EU initiative to support faculty, staff, and student mobility. He served as a visiting faculty member at the Siena Jazz University's International Summer Workshop in Siena, Italy.



Texas International Education Consortium Awards

Dr. Hassan Qandil, Clinical Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering and Undergraduate Advisor, received the **TIEF COIL Grant** from the Texas International Education Consortium. The COIL grant provides funding for Dr. Qandil to develop a collaborative online international learning program with Ajman University (AU) in the United Arab Emirates and Al Hussein Technical University (HTU) in Jordan.

Dr. Pia Wood, Vice Provost and Dean of International Affairs, and Amy Shenberger, Director, Study Abroad, in collaboration with the College of Health and Public Service, received the **TIEF Study Abroad Program Development Grant** from the Texas International Education Consortium. The Study Abroad Program Development Grant provides funding for Dr. Jessica Craig, Associate Chair and Associate Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice, and Dr. Haley Zettler, Assistant Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice, to conduct a site visit to the Netherlands to develop a faculty-led study abroad program.

The Sir Cyril Taylor Memorial Scholarship for Study in the US

The **American International Recruitment Council (AIRC)** selected UNT as a recipient of study abroad scholarship funding for incoming students from the UK. The Scholarship provides funding to underrepresented or disadvantaged students from the UK to study in the U.S.

Department of Education Grant

The University of North Texas completed its third year of the Department of Education's **Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Grant**. The grant concludes on September 30, 2023.

International Affairs collaborated with the College of Merchandising, Hospitality, and Tourism (CMHT) to internationalize curriculum through course development and redesign, develop new study abroad programs, and provide co-curricular programming focused on global career opportunities and intercultural learning.

Dr. Pia Wood and Dr. Amanda Bennett attended the UISFL Project Directors' Conference in August 2023 where they presented on UNT's use of digital learning resources as an approach to internationalizing the curriculum.



Student Scholarships and Awards

International Affairs Scholarships & Grants

\$164K Awarded to **188** Students

The **International Education Scholarship** was awarded to 15 students that participated in and contributed to campus internationalization at UNT.

5 Pay it Forward Pakistani Scholarship of North Texas recipients have a demonstrated connection to the country and culture of Pakistan.

4 Pakistan Student Scholarship recipients are active members of the Pakistan Student Association and/or students that are conducting academic research related to Pakistan.

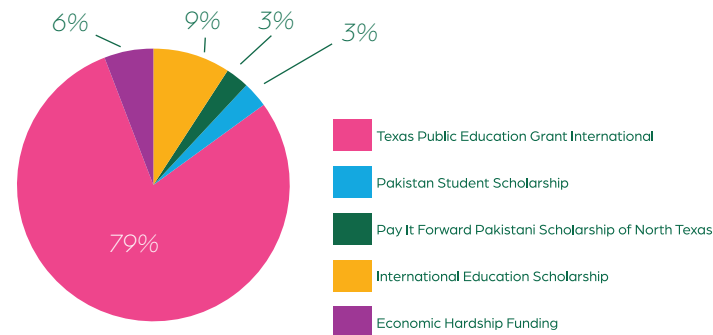
The **Texas Public Education Grant – International** is a need-based grant. 159 students were awarded a total of \$130,000.

5 students were awarded a total of \$10,000 due to **Economic Hardship**.

In addition to these awards:

17 Mexican nationals were awarded the **Mexican Waiver**, allowing for non-resident tuition waivers.

The **Institute of International Education** supported one UNT student with a \$2,000 grant from its **Emergency Student Fund**.



Study Abroad Scholarships & Grants

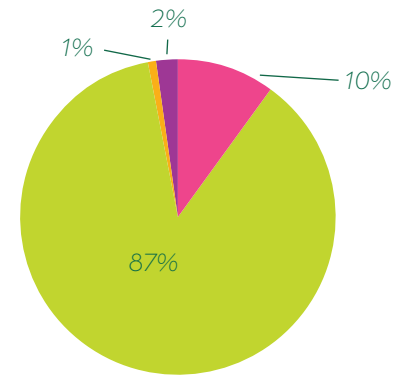
\$647K Awarded to **427** Students

\$63,500 awarded to 130 students in **Study Abroad Travel Grants**.

\$531,000 awarded to 260 students in **International Education Fee Scholarships**.

\$4,200 awarded to 21 students in **Global Tech Experience Grants**.

\$14,000 awarded to 7 students in **CMHT Summer Grants for Asia and Latin America**.



\$34,500 awarded to 9 UNT Students in **Gilman Scholarship Awards**. The Gilman Scholarship Program is nationally competitive and open only to students receiving a Federal Pell Grant.

2 UNT students were awarded FEA scholarships. **FEA Scholarships** are nationally competitive and awarded by the Fund for Education Abroad.

Intensive English Language Institute (IELI)

IELI is in its 46th year of academic English language instruction.

162 IELI Students represented 25 countries in 2022-23.

IELI faculty and staff developed several **Open Educational Resource** materials for IELI's intensive communication and writing classes.

Several **IELI students and staff** visited the **Chickasaw Cultural Center** in Sulphur, Oklahoma on a full-day co-curricular trip in April and thoroughly enjoyed learning about the Chickasaw Nation's culture, lifestyle, language, games, dances, and food. IELI students also had the opportunity to attend the Texas State Fair, tour the Texas Motor Speedway, the Dallas Museum of Art, Fort Worth's Kimbell Art Museum, and the Fort Worth Stockyards.

IELI was pleased to welcome semester-abroad students from four different **Japanese partner universities**: Kansai Gaidai University in Hirakata, Seinan Gakuin University in Fukuoka, J.F. Oberlin University in Machida, and Kibi International University in Okayama.

Gordon Clark, IELI Director and Assistant Dean, traveled to Japan to visit to IELI's Program at Kansai Gaidai University.



IELI students attend Football 101



IELI students on a co-curricular field trip

Academic & Training Programs

Community of Respect

The Community of Respect workshop is based on a nationally recognized program and aims to provide a more welcoming environment for UNT's international community of students, faculty, staff, and visiting scholars. **International Affairs offered eight (8) workshops to more than 200 people in 2022-23.**

Global Tech Experience

Now in its second year, **more than 65 students participated in the Global Tech Experience**. The Global Tech Experience is a virtual study abroad opportunity allowing students to earn six hours of elective credit and gain a global perspective while working on real-world projects from global companies like Apple, Netflix, and Spotify. Students had the option of choosing between the following four tracks: global digital marketing, global coding for the web, global data analytics, and global coding for data.

Texas Leadership Scholars Program in Costa Rica

UNT's Study Abroad Office piloted the Summer 2023 study abroad cohort of the Texas Leadership Scholars Program. The Texas Leadership Scholars Program (TLS) is composed of high-achieving students from Texas public higher education institutions. The students spent two weeks in Costa Rica studying sustainability. UNT looks forward to developing future opportunities for this special group of students.

Staff Highlights

Amanda Bennett Appointed as a Fulbright Program Advisor Mentor

Amanda was selected from a competitive pool of applicants across the country. She will guide new Fulbright Program Advisors as they embark on the challenge of building Fulbright programs at their institutions.



Kathryn Conrad Selected for SIT Site Visit to South Africa

Kathryn Conrad was selected from a competitive pool of applicants to take part on a site visit to South Africa through The School for International Training (SIT). Kathryn traveled to Cape Town and Durban to explore operations, programming, housing, and emergency management plans at these two locations.



Rekha Gopalakrishnan, Chair of the DFW Advisors Forum

Rekha is currently serving as the Chair of the DFW Advisors Forum. In her role, she organized and hosted a group of 100 international student and scholar advisors at the University of North Texas in July 2023.

Liz Cosgrove Ford, North Texas State Rep, NAFSA Region III

Liz has served as the North Texas State Representative for NAFSA's Region III Leadership Team (Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana) from 2021 to 2023. In this leadership role, Liz hosted the NAFSA Texas State Meeting at UNT in Spring 2023. With over 100 attendees from across the state, the 2023 Texas State Meeting was a great success and an excellent representation of the talent and exciting initiatives happening at UNT.

Dr. Pia Wood, Vice Provost & Dean for International Affairs, has been named a 2023-24 AIEA Presidential Mentor by the Association of International Education Administrators.

Lauren Jacobsen-Bridges, Fulbright International Education Administrators Award to South Korea

During this two-week program, Lauren joined 8 other international education administrators from around the United States to visit 15 universities, make professional connections, and learn about higher education successes and challenges in South Korea.



Jamal King, President of the UNT Gender & Sexuality Employee Resource Group

Jamal currently serves as the President of the UNT GS-ERG. The UNT GS-ERG serves all UNT employees through intentional engagement, policy promotion, and community building that is inclusive of all genders and sexualities.

Adriana Santiago Rivera, NAFSA Academy Trainee 2023

Adriana was selected to participate in the NAFSA Association for International Educator's Academy program. This competitive program provides twelve months of professional development to early career professionals who are committed to International Education.

Tracie Frey, Executive Assistant to the Vice Provost and Dean, and **Rekha Gopalakrishnan**, Assistant Director, Scholar Services, ISSS, were elected to serve on the UNT Staff Senate.

Yunju Langran Received the 2023 UNT Student Success Award

Yunju was awarded a 2023 UNT Student Success Award in March 2023. Yunju helps students to feel at home when they first arrive on campus, and offers encouragement, support, and thoughtful guidance throughout their academic careers. Yunju cultivates strong relationships with students, providing a safe and comfortable environment in which students can grow and find their place at UNT.



Congratulations, UNT Star Performers!

- **Stacey Benton**, Senior Immigration Advisor, ISSS
- **Bayleigh Dwyer**, International Student & Scholar Services Advisor, ISSS
- **Tracie Frey**, Executive Assistant to the Vice Provost and Dean
- **Joe Knight**, Assistant Director, International Recruitment
- **Adrianna Santiago Rivera**, Senior Immigration Advisor, ISSS
- **Tim Schmidt**, Assistant Director, ISSS

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