

# 2019-20 Annual Report



## Dr. Pia Wood, Vice Provost and Dean for International Affairs



The 2019-2020 academic year will certainly be a year to remember. The COVID pandemic significantly impacted the work of International Affairs. Nevertheless, we are pleased to share a summary of our major activities and accomplishments through our annual report. As you will see, collaboration is key to our successes and we appreciate the faculty, staff, students and administrators who worked with us throughout the year.

In particular, I would like to draw your attention to the numerous ways that we were able to support and encourage our undergraduate and graduate students. This support included special programming activities, study abroad scholarships, emergency COVID funding, specialized immigration advising for our international students, graduate student international research funding, and Fulbright advice and support to students.

Other highlights include:

- a record number of enrolled international students,
- several high-impact UNT delegation trips to China, Chile, and India,
- the second International scholar reception, and
- the selection of Professor Doug Henry as the recipient of the 2020 Citation for Distinguished Service to International Education

Finally, we welcomed Gordon Clark as the new Director and Assistant Dean of the Intensive English Language Institute.

We look forward to working together with our many colleagues to strengthen international opportunities for the UNT community.

Sincerely,

Pia Wood, Ph.D.  
Dean & Vice Provost for International Affairs

**167** Visiting Scholars and **7** Delegations  
represented **24** Countries

Visiting Scholars are researchers, professors and specialists from around the world, contributing greatly to UNT's Tier One Research University status. International delegations visit UNT to explore partnership and global engagement opportunities.

## 2020 Citation for Distinguished Service to International Education

Doug Henry, Associate Professor of Anthropology, was awarded the 2020 Citation for Distinguished Service to International Education at UNT. Throughout his years at UNT, Dr. Henry has led and co-led study abroad programs in Fiji, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone and Mongolia, providing students with field experience in places often inaccessible to American undergraduates.

He has mentored graduate students pursuing research and thesis work abroad, and has encouraged students' interests in international issues in his classrooms.

A former Peace Corps volunteer, Dr. Henry worked to help UNT Anthropology become a Peace Corps Coverdell Fellows partner, and continually works to improve understanding between Americans and people around the world.



## China Delegation Trip October 2019



Jana Hawley, Dean of the College of Merchandising, Hospitality & Tourism, Hanchen Huang, Dean of the College of Engineering, Pia Wood, Dean and Vice Provost for International Affairs and Marilyn Wiley, Dean of the G. Brint Ryan College of Business, traveled to six universities across five cities in China to explore potential and existing global partnerships and collaborative programs.

*Vice Provost & Dean for International Affairs Pia Wood and Dean Jana Hawley, UNT College of Merchandising, Hospitality & Tourism pictured here with representatives from Zhejiang University of Science and Technology (ZUST).*

## 2019 International Scholar (J-1) Reception & Welcome

More than 100 International Scholars conducted research at UNT in Fall 2019. Scholars represented fourteen countries around the world – Argentina, Brazil, China, Costa Rica, France, Italy, India, Mexico, Pakistan, Poland, South Korea, Thailand, Taiwan and Turkey. The scholars worked across campus collaborating with many of UNT's colleges: the G. Brint Ryan College of Business, College of Education, College of Engineering, College of Health & Public Service, College of Information, College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences, College of Merchandising, Hospitality, & Tourism, College of Music, and College of Science. More than 60 people were in attendance at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual International Scholar Reception held in October in Marquis Hall.



*From Left to Right: Dean John Richmond, Provost Jennifer Cowley, Visiting Chinese Scholars, and Vice Provost & Dean Pia Wood*



*UNT President Neal J. Smatresk entertains children of J-1 scholars while welcoming attendees*

# Cape Horn Sub-Antarctic Center

Puerto Williams, Chile



In January 2020, UNT College of Science Dean Su Gao, UNT College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences Executive Dean Tamara Brown, and International Affairs Vice Provost & Dean Pia Wood traveled to the southernmost point of Chile to visit the near complete Cape Horn Sub-Antarctic Center in Puerto Williams.

The beautifully designed complex will serve as an international hub for research, education and community outreach. The Center will provide excellent opportunities for UNT to continue its collaborative work with its long-standing partners: the University of Magallanes, the Omora Foundation, the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile and the Chilean Institute of Ecology and Biodiversity.

While in Chile, the group met with leaders at the U.S. Embassy, the Pew Research Center, the Cape Horn Center Foundation, and at UNT's Chilean partner institutions. The group also had the opportunity to tour the UNT Sub-Antarctic Biocultural Conservation Program Field Station and the Senda Darwin Field Station for a closer look at eco-systems and instrumentation, and the Big Data Center to explore tech needs for the Center.



*UNT hosted a visiting delegation from Chile in October 2019 as part of the U.S. Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program.*

*Before visiting UNT, the delegation participated in the international launch of the Sub-Antarctic Cape Horn Center at a special celebration held by the Chilean Embassy in Washington, D.C.*

*UNT is a partner in the new center which aims to become a national and international model for the long-term study of social sciences and ecology in the context of global climate change.*

# GLOBAL Scholarship and Research

## Congratulations to 2019-20 FULBRIGHT Awardees!

### Fulbright Scholar and Specialist Programs

**2** UNT Fulbright Scholars

Professor Jincheng Du

Dr. Daniel Alemneh

**1** UNT Fulbright Specialist

Dr. Mahasin Saleh



Dr. Jincheng Du  
UNT College of  
Engineering



Dr. Daniel Alemneh,  
UNT Libraries

### Fulbright U.S. Student Program

**21** UNT student Applicants, **12** Semi-finalists, **2** Alternates, **8** Finalists

### International Affairs Funding

**57** UNT scholars with global activities in more than **20** countries around the world

UNT awarded several internal grants to faculty and students to support global scholarship and engagement. *Projects scheduled to occur in late spring or summer were canceled due to COVID-19.*

### Graduate Scholarships

**13** UNT graduate students awarded **\$45,900** in GREAT Grants

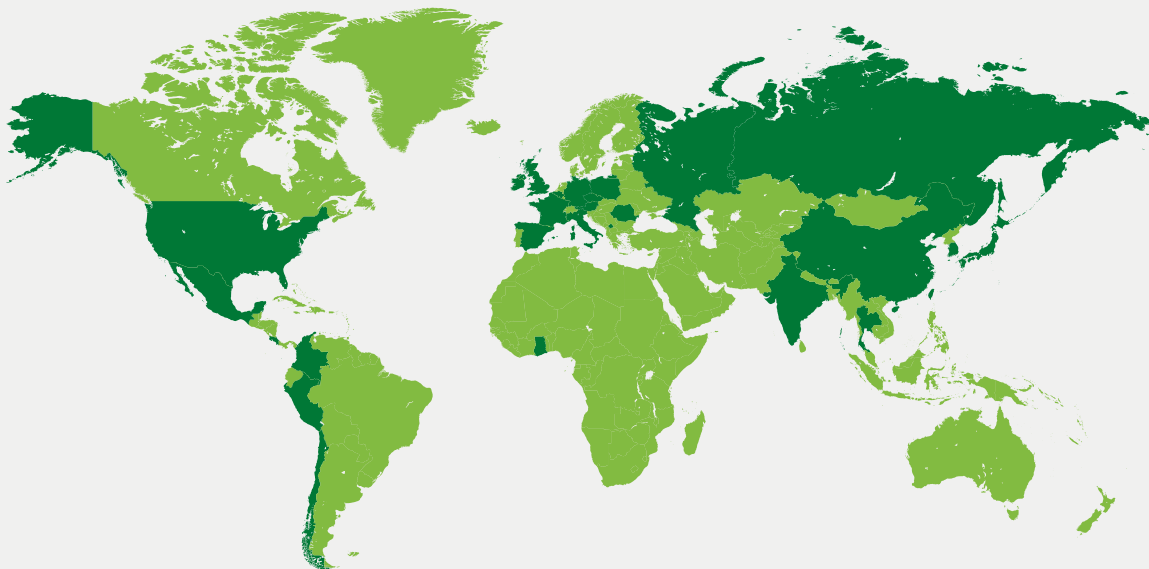
*Students awarded the Graduate Research Experiences Abroad Travel Grant (GREAT Grant) were granted a project extension into 2021 due to COVID-19.*

**18** UNT graduate students awarded **\$5,941** in Travel Grants

Travel grants support graduate students who present research at conferences/participate in a creative activity outside of the U.S. These grants are awarded to Toulouse Graduate School grant recipients.

### Global Partnerships

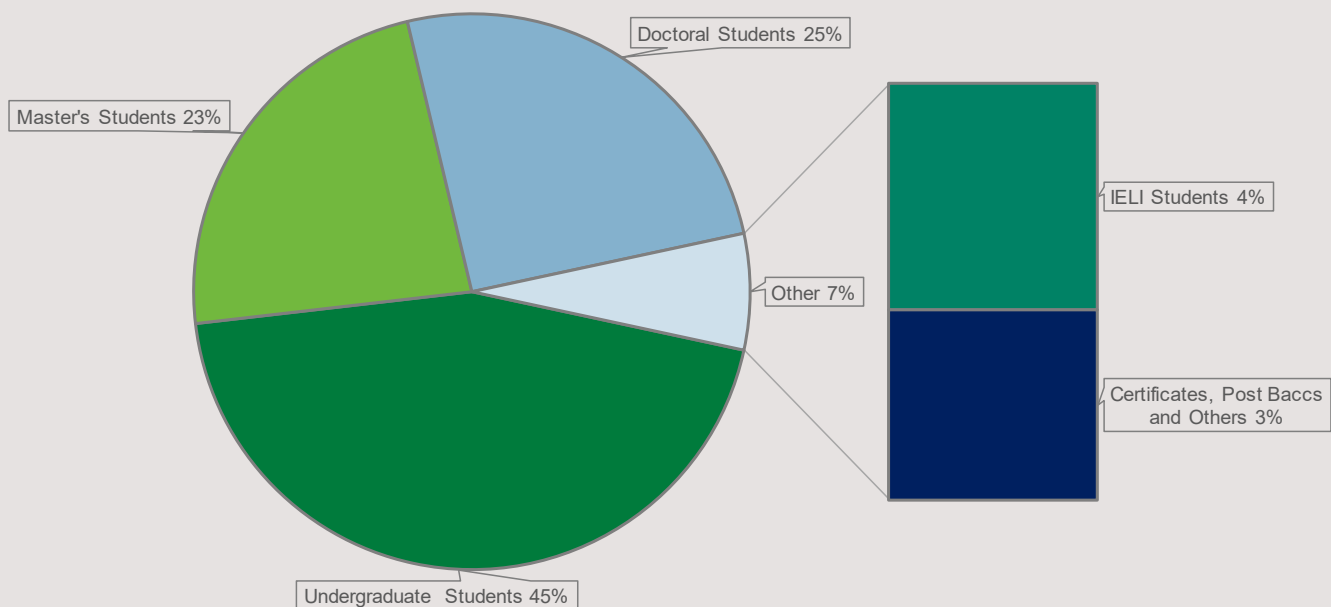
**132** partnerships in **26** countries around the world



# Fall 2019 International ENROLLMENT

**2,623** International Students from  
**125** Countries Around the World

## UNT International Students by Enrollment Type



Top 5 countries of origin account for **55%** of UNT international students

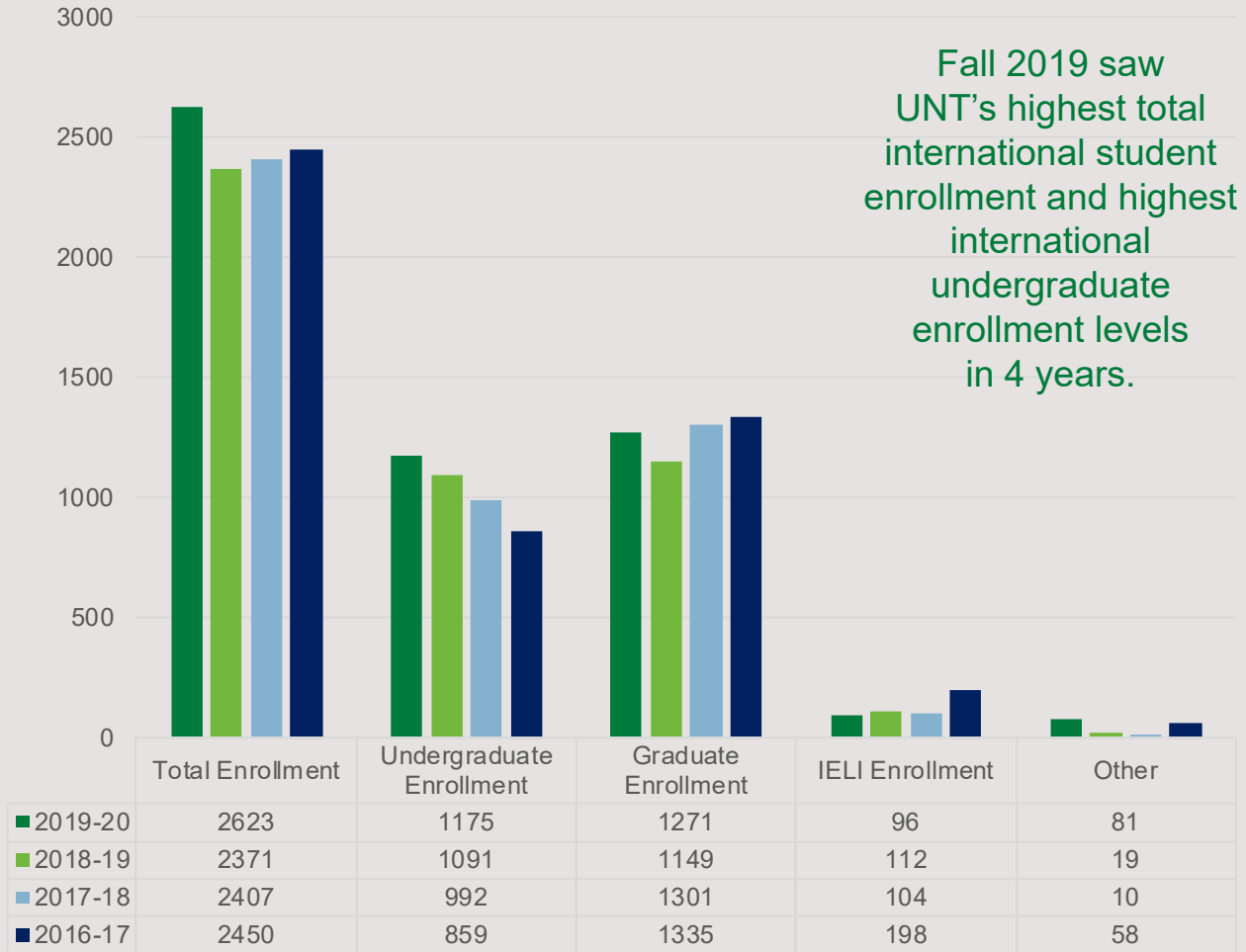
### Top 5 Countries of Origin

- 1 INDIA
- 2 CHINA
- 3 NEPAL
- 4 SAUDI ARABIA
- 5 SOUTH KOREA

**75%** of International Students Enrolled in these Colleges in 2019-20:



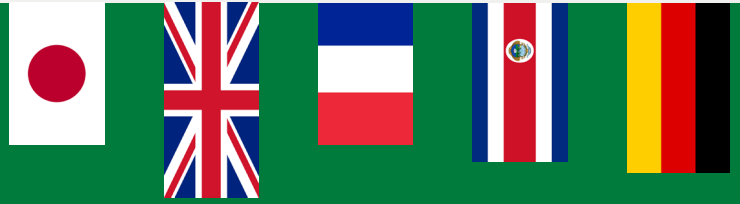
# UNT International Student Enrollment by Year



For more data, visit our Global Engagement Dashboard on-line at [international.unt.edu](http://international.unt.edu).



# Study ABROAD



**120** UNT Students participated in Study Abroad Programs in **24** Countries Around the World

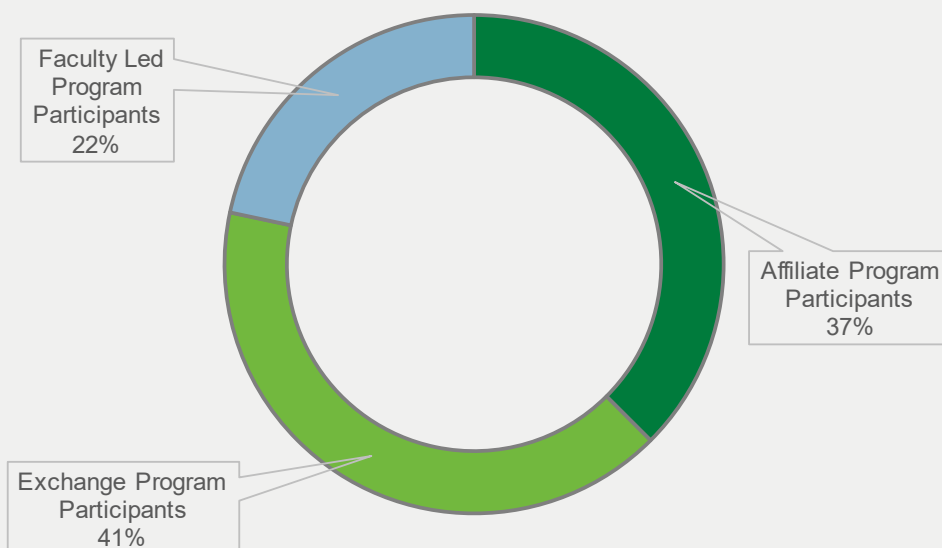
**Summer 2020 study abroad programs were canceled in response to COVID-19.**

2019-20 Study Abroad participation numbers include students who completed programs during the fall, winter and spring semesters only.

**Prior to COVID-19, the projected year-over-year increase in summer study abroad participation was about 20%.**

In Spring 2020, UNT Study Abroad launched the Global Intensive Opportunity (GIO) to Costa Rica—a new program model that provides an intensive academic experience abroad. UNT also offered programs to locations traditionally underrepresented at UNT such as the Czech Republic and Ghana.

## UNT Student Study Abroad Participation by Program Type



*“Studying abroad allowed me to focus wholly on my studies and gave me the chance to experience numerous cultures that aided the curriculum.”*

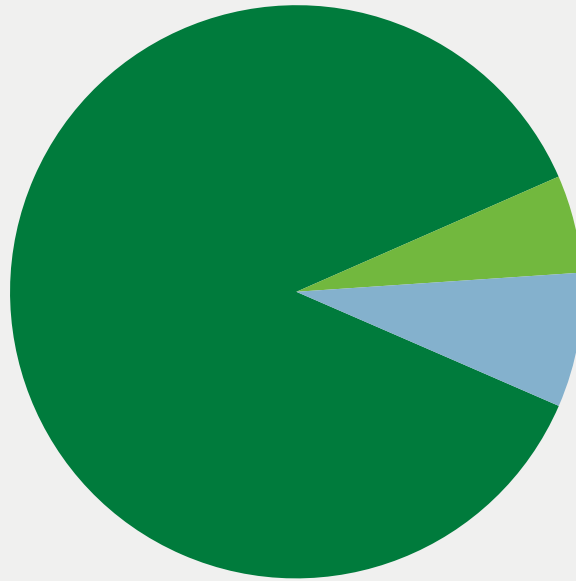
*Traveling overseas... was extremely liberating and opened my eyes to thousands of new opportunities that previously seemed distant.”*

*-UNT Honors Student*



# 145 Scholarships totaling \$228,395 Awarded to Study Abroad Participants\*

87% of UNT Study Abroad Participants received scholarships from the Study Abroad Office



5% of UNT Study Abroad Participants received Affiliate Program Scholarships

8% of UNT Study Abroad Participants received National and External Scholarships

*\*Study Abroad Scholarships were awarded only for fall, winter and spring. The summer term was excluded due to the cancellation of summer programs in response to COVID-19.*

## TOP 5 Study Abroad Destinations

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|---|----------------|-------------|
| 1 | JAPAN          | 36 students |
| 2 | UNITED KINGDOM | 34 students |
| 3 | FRANCE         | 28 students |
| 4 | COSTA RICA     | 26 students |
| 5 | GERMANY        | 24 students |

## These UNT Colleges made up 64% of Study Abroad Participants in 2019-20:



Eagles on site in Morocco



Eagles on site at Stonehenge

# PROGRAMMING

**90+ Programs**  
**2,250+ Participants**

*International Affairs provides on-campus international experiences for all globally-minded students. Programming increases opportunities for cross-cultural engagement and connection. 18 programs were offered on-line during Spring 2020 in response to COVID-19*

**Careers in Diplomacy**

**English Conversation CommUNiTY**

**Football 101**

**Flag Parades**

**Global EncoUNTERs**

**Global Resources and Career Fair**

**International Mother Language Day**

**International Peer Mentor Program**

**International Student Tax Workshops**

**International Student Thanksgiving Dinner**

**NationaliTEA**

**Peace Corps Panel**

**Study Abroad Panel**

**Talk About it Tuesday**

**WINGS (on-line orientation)**

**Workshops with UNT Counseling & Testing**

**World Brew**

**World Dance Party**

**World Fair**



*International student practicing a field goal in Apogee Stadium*



*International students enjoy Thanksgiving Dinner in the Union*



*Mean Green Halftime Parade featuring international students*



*Inaugural International Peer Mentor Group*

## EXCITING NEW PROGRAMS!

### English Conversation CommUNiTy

International and American students meet weekly to enhance English language conversation skills and build bridges across cultures. Meetings facilitated by Ph.D. student with a Master's in TESOL.

### International Peer Mentor Program

Group mentoring program developed to help new international students learn about available resources on campus, adjust to life in the United States and make new friends.

### Talk About it Tuesday

Language exchange and conversation groups included Chinese, English, Esperanto, Farsi, German, Japanese, Korean, Russian and Spanish.

### World Dance Party

Inaugural spring welcome event hosted by international students from Nepal.

## SCHOLARSHIPS and Grants

### International Education Scholarship

Competitive scholarship award open to international and domestic students. 15 students awarded total of \$15,000

### Texas Public Education Grant International

Need based fund for international students at UNT. 154 students awarded total of \$95,000

### Special Circumstances Funding

One-time grants distributed to international students in crisis. 32 students awarded total of \$35,000

### Mexican Waiver

11 students awarded tuition waivers

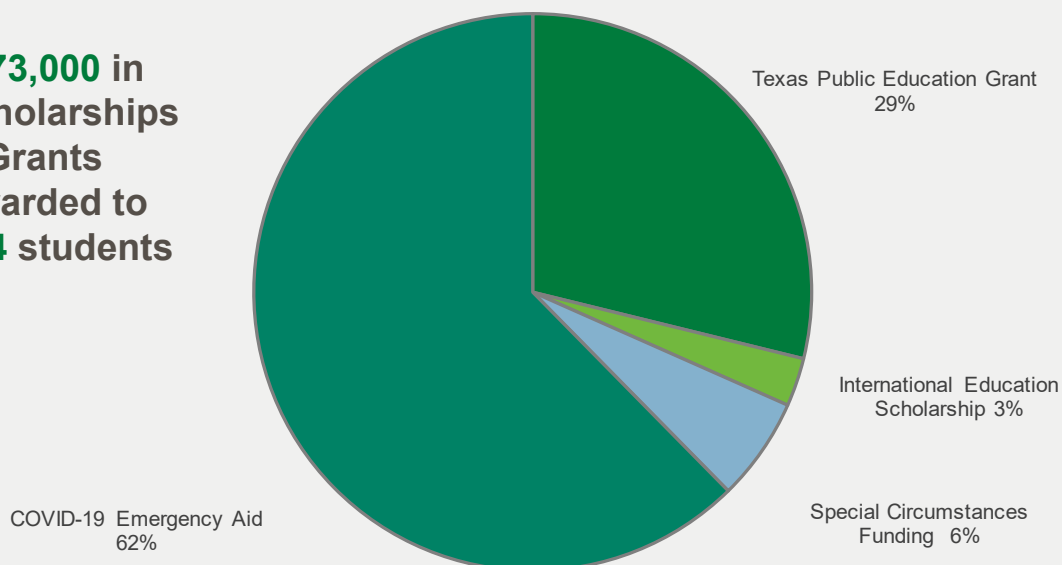
### COVID-19 Emergency Aid

333 students awarded total of \$128,000

### Institute of International Education Emergency Student Fund: Covid-19 Response

External Grant. 3 students awarded a total of \$7,500

**\$273,000 in  
Scholarships  
& Grants  
Awarded to  
534 students**



# INTENSIVE ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE (IELI) AT UNT

**96** English Language Learners from  
**14** Countries Around the World

## TOP 5 Countries of Origin at IELI

- 1** SAUDI ARABIA
- 2** CHINA
- 3** JAPAN
- 4** SOUTH KOREA
- 5** BRAZIL and TAIWAN



*IELI students pose with Scrapy at Football 101*



**Gordon Clark joined UNT as the new Director and Assistant Dean of the Intensive English Language Institute just prior to the Fall 2019 semester.**

In addition to teaching at and directing university-based programs in the United States for several years, Gordon taught EFL in Japan for three years.

His professional engagement includes service as a former president of EnglishUSA, a site reviewer for the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation (CEA), and advocacy vice president for both University and College Intensive English Programs (UCIEP) and EnglishUSA.

He is thrilled to introduce international students to the Intensive English Language Institute at UNT with its 40+ year history of excellence of teaching English mastery and preparing students for university study.

Gordon has a master's degree in TESL from Brigham Young University.

## INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dr. Pia Wood	Vice Provost and Dean, International Affairs
Dr. Amanda White Bennett	Director, Global Partnerships and Engagement
Gordon Clark	Director and Assistant Dean, Intensive English Language Institute
Nicole Conant	Assistant Director, Programming and Communications
Tracie Frey	Assistant to the Vice Provost and Dean
Lauren Jacobsen-Bridges	Director, International Student and Scholar Services
YuLun (Jade) Lu	Academic Finance Officer
Amy Shenberger	Director, Study Abroad
Pieter Vermeulen	Director, International Recruitment

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