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UNT INTERNATIONAL



*University Day Parade of Nations
From left: Daniela Nyssen and Naziba Hossain proudly display the flags of Mexico and Bangladesh*

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A LETTER FROM DR. PIA WOOD

VICE PROVOST AND DEAN, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Colleagues and Friends,

The 2017-18 academic year was my first year as Dean and Vice Provost of UNT International and it has been a pleasure to work with the UNT-I team and faculty, staff, and students across the campus. I have been discovering the excellent international work that is occurring in UNT's colleges, offices, and institutes and UNT-I will continue to look for ways to support these efforts. Working together, we can make significant progress in our goal to further internationalize our campus. I am pleased to share with you some highlights and accomplishments of UNT International.



- UNT had 2,293 international students from 121 countries in 2017-18 studying in its programs.
- Study Abroad numbers increased to 580 students, traveling to more than 25 countries.
- Student External Scholarships:
 - One UNT student earned a U.S. Department of State Gilman Scholarship to study abroad
 - Four recent graduates earned spots in the prestigious Fulbright U.S. Student Program
- Grants and Scholarships:
 - UNT International awarded more than \$335,000 in grants and scholarships to students and \$75,000 in Global Grants to faculty
 - The Study Abroad Office awarded \$138,000 in study abroad scholarships
- The Intensive English Language Institute celebrated its 40th anniversary and enrolled a record number of students in its Kansai Gaidai program in Japan.
- International programming and events reached more than 1,700 students across campus, highlighting cultures around the world, opportunities abroad, and the value of international education and exchange.
- UNT delegation visits explored additional areas for collaboration in teaching, research and exchange with universities in China, Japan and Mexico.

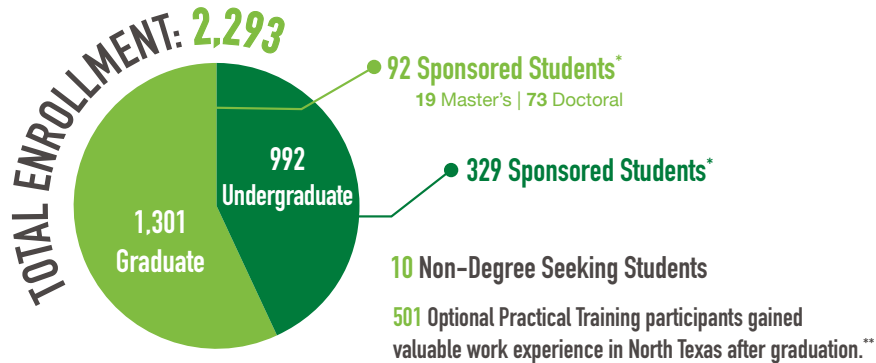
It was our distinct honor to recognize Dr. James Kennedy with the Citation for Distinguished Service to International Education. We thank him for his tremendous dedication to international work through his global research and as a teacher willing to take students abroad through his "Tracing Darwin's Path" study abroad program.

I look forward to the coming year and to continuing the collaborative work we have begun.

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

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ENROLLMENT

BY THE NUMBERS



*Sponsored students are fully and partially funded by external agencies.

**Optional Practical Training is temporary employment that directly relates to an F-1 student's major field of study.

TOP 5 COUNTRIES REPRESENTED AT UNT



Students from these countries represent **57%** of UNT's international student population.

International students represented **121 countries** in 2017-18.

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

Open Doors Report 2017-18

TOP 5 COLLEGES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ENROLLMENT

- 1 College of Engineering
- 2 College of Business
- 3 College of Music
- 4 College of Science
- 5 College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences



Saudi National Day, Fall 2017

RETENTION AND SUCCESS



616 international students representing **61** countries around the world graduated in 2017–18.

209 bachelor's | **326** master's | **81** doctoral degrees awarded

Dr. Jennifer Evans-Cowley, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dr. Pia Wood, Vice Provost and Dean, International Affairs congratulate students during the International Sash Ceremony

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

UNT International awarded a total of **\$335,125** in grants and scholarships.

76 international students received a combined **\$300,000** in International Texas Public Education Grants

19 UNT students received a combined **\$19,000** in International Education Scholarships

11 international students received the **Mexican Waiver** allowing for in-state tuition

56 graduate students received a combined **\$16,125** in International Travel Grants

OUTSTANDING INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

Nastaran Barhemmati

Nastaran Barhemmati, a Ph.D. candidate in Mechanical and Energy Engineering, is described by her peers as an energetic and magnetic student leader.

She successfully founded and established the Iranian Student Association at UNT, has contributed to numerous cultural events highlighting Iran, and volunteers at every opportunity.

Nastaran demonstrates professionalism and respect among her peers with journal publications and conference presentations around the world.



FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS

UNT students earned spots in the Fulbright U.S. Student Program, one of the world's most prestigious cultural exchanges. The program offers research, study and English teaching opportunities in over 140 countries to recent college graduates or current graduate students. International partnership is at the core of the Fulbright mission.

Karina Barbosa of Houston, Texas | Fulbright in TAIWAN

Bachelor of Science, Ecology for Environmental Science, **College of Science**

Gabriele Canavan of Carrollton, Texas | Fulbright in GERMANY

Bachelor of Arts, German and International Studies, **College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences**

Phillip Carnell of Denton, Texas | Fulbright in GERMANY

Bachelor of Arts, German and International Studies, **College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences**

David Oostenbrug of Carrollton, Texas | Fulbright in RUSSIA

Bachelor of Science, Geography, **College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences**

CHINA TRANSFER PROGRAM

19 students graduated from the China Transfer Program in 2017-18.

Graduates of the the 1+2+1 China Transfer program earn two degrees - one from UNT and one from their home institution in China.

Dr. Pia Wood, Vice Provost and Dean of International Affairs, attended the 2018 graduation ceremony in Xi'an, China.



Dr. Pia Wood, Vice Provost and Dean, International Affairs (right) congratulates students at the graduation ceremony in Xi'an, China.

RETENTION AND SUCCESS

PEACE CORPS PREP CERTIFICATE RECEPTION



Peace Corps Senior Leadership from Washington D.C. traveled to Denton to celebrate the success of the newly launched **Peace Corps Prep Certificate**.

The Peace Corps Prep program provides a unique curriculum that gives UNT students a competitive edge when applying to the Peace Corps. The curriculum combines hands-on experience with relevant coursework.

Kristin Ringe, MA, LPC
Peace Corps Prep Certificate Coordinator
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40 Program Participants
9 Certificates Awarded

2018 GILMAN SCHOLAR **SAM BROADOUS**

University of North Texas junior Sam Broadous won a Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship from the U.S. Department of State. This scholarship allowed Broadous, who is majoring in Media Arts, to study abroad in London for five weeks through UNT's Faculty Led Mayborn British Broadcasting program.

“Study abroad has helped me better communicate and work with others as well as being more open to new ideas and perspectives. The Gilman Scholarship made all of this possible.”

The Gilman Scholarship is a competitive, national grant program open to students receiving Federal Pell Grant funding to study or intern abroad.

“Study abroad allowed me to see things I have **never seen before** and helped me discover **more aspects of myself.**”



Sam Broadous, Gilman Scholar

AYUBU NIYONGABO, BURUNDI IELI STUDENT



“My mother raised me on her own after my father passed away. I grew to be faithful and compassionate with a love for poetry. I write poetry in 4 languages, and have placed at Burundi’s U.S. Embassy’s annual poetry competition in 2010 and 2011. I also appreciate reading, and watching documentaries, movies and the news. I now live in Fort Worth with my wife and daughter (she is one and a half). I am always curious and working to go further. I try to remember, ‘Those who don’t plan to win have already failed,’ and live my life in this way.

I will study a Master’s of Public Administration at UNT [after completing the Intensive English Language Institute program]. I am interested in working with civic governments.”

CLAUDIA KITCHING, UNITED KINGDOM CLASS OF 2018



“I would like to thank the UNT swim team for being my family away from home. UNT has given me a great opportunity to have an education overseas.

I want to thank everyone who has helped me along my journey here. The Mean Green pride will always have a place in my heart.”



“I have become much more of a diverse artist as a performer, more knowledgeable in my career as a flute teacher, and more confident as a global citizen. I want to become a cultural bridge between UNT and different music academies and universities in Vietnam.”

Huong Le, Hanoi, Vietnam
College of Music Ph.D. Candidate, Flute Performance

CAMPUS INTERNATIONALIZATION



Students learn how to properly wear a kimono during NationaliTEA: Japan



International Sash Ceremony
From left: Daniela Nyssen, Barbara Fink, Naziba Hossain, Praneeth Inampudi, Yu Chan Shih



Students represent their home country during University Day Parade of Nations

20 programs and events with more than **1,700** participants

› CULTURAL PROGRAMS

Bahamas | Cameroon | Great Britain | India | Iran | Japan | Jordan | The Philippines | Spain | Taiwan

› INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Careers in Diplomacy | Fulbright | Internships Abroad | Peace Corps | Study Abroad

› INTERNATIONAL SASH CEREMONY

More than 80 students participated in the ceremony to celebrate graduation

› PARADE OF NATIONS

More than 100 students participated in the Homecoming and University Day flag parades

163 J-1 International Exchange Scholars

Exchange Scholars represented 31 different countries.

J-1 Exchange Scholars are researchers, professors and specialists from around the world, contributing greatly to UNT's Tier One Research University status.

80% of these Exchange Scholars are from:



CITATION FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION AWARDED TO DR. JAMES KENNEDY

Dr. James Kennedy is a Regents Professor of Biological Sciences at the University of North Texas College of Science. He is Associate Director of the UNT Sub-Antarctic Biocultural and Conservation Program in Punta Arenas, Chile where he also serves as a visiting professor at the University of Magallanes. For the past twelve years, Dr. Kennedy has taught the course Tracing Darwin's Path, traveling with students to the Puerto Williams and Punta Arenas areas in Chile to explore the discoveries Charles Darwin made on his famous expedition.

He was the recipient of a Fulbright award in 2009 and has received funding from the Charn Uswachoke International Development Fund in 2001 and 2013. Dr. Kennedy is recognized across campus for his leadership in student mentorship, research and international outreach.



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From left: Amanda White Bennett, Director of Global Engagement; Dr. James Kennedy, Regents Professor of Biological Sciences; Dr. Pia Wood, Vice Provost and Dean of International Affairs; Amy Shenberger, Director of Study Abroad

STUDY ABROAD

583 students studied in **25** different countries

Faculty Led Programs: 368 participants

Affiliate Programs: 122 participants

Exchange Programs: 35 participants

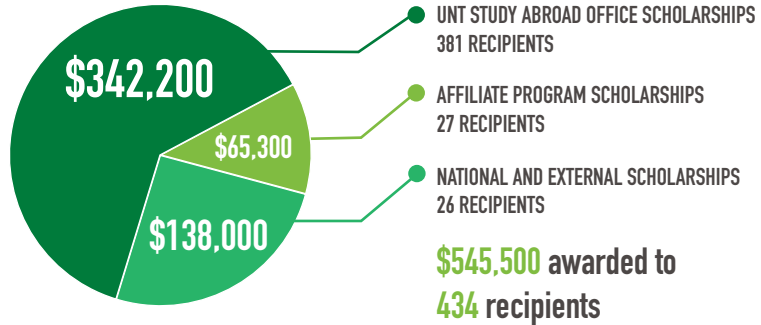
Field Trips: 58 participants



The Study Abroad Office offers Exchange Programs in 15 different countries.

THAILAND MEXICO
SCOTLAND
CZECH REPUBLIC
SOUTH KOREA
FRANCE
SPAIN JAPAN
BELGIUM AUSTRIA GERMANY
CHINA

STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIPS



TOP 5 COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS FOR STUDY ABROAD

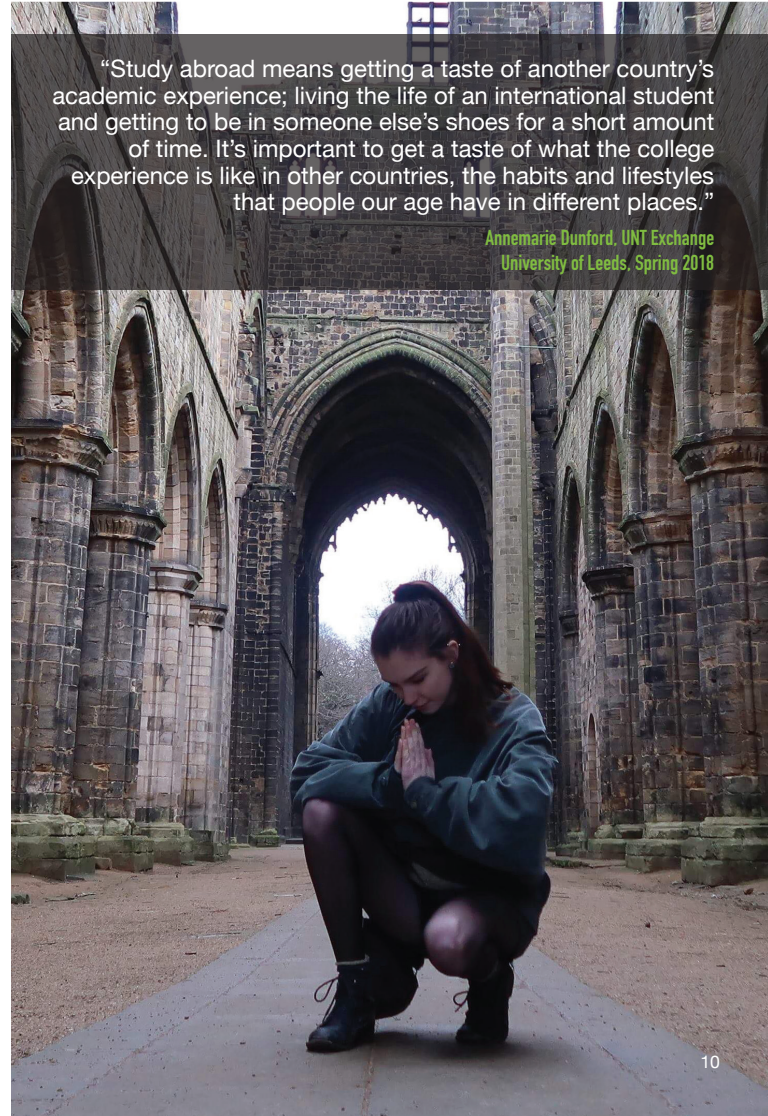
1. College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
2. College of Business
3. College of Science
4. College of Health and Public Service
5. College of Visual Arts and Design

TOP 10 STUDY ABROAD DESTINATIONS

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|---------------------------|---------------|
| 1. United Kingdom | 6. France |
| 2. Italy | 7. Costa Rica |
| 3. Spain | 8. Germany |
| 4. Japan | 9. China |
| 5. Multi-Country Programs | 10. Ireland |

“Study abroad means getting a taste of another country’s academic experience; living the life of an international student and getting to be in someone else’s shoes for a short amount of time. It’s important to get a taste of what the college experience is like in other countries, the habits and lifestyles that people our age have in different places.”

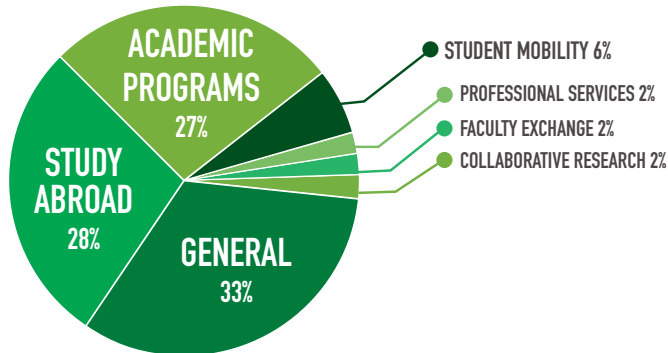
*Annemarie Dunford, UNT Exchange
University of Leeds, Spring 2018*



GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS

163 agreements with **136** partner institutions in **32** countries around the world as of July 5, 2018.

Global partnerships facilitate the exchange of ideas and cultures and allow for important research and scholarship.



Kansai Gaidai University



Dr. Jennifer Evans-Cowley, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dr. Pia Wood, Vice Provost and Dean, International Affairs with Alfredo Barrera Baca, Rector, Universidad Autónoma de Estado de México

UNT Delegations attended the opening of a new global campus at Kansai Gaidai University in **Hirakata, Japan**, and met with Universidad Autónoma de Estado de México in **Mexico** to discuss research partnerships, student mobility and scholar exchange.

3+2 PROGRAM INITIATIVES

Kunming University of Science and Technology, Kunming, China
Computer Science & Computer Engineering

Xi'an University of Science and Technology, Xi'an, China
Hospitality Management

Wuhan Textile University Wuhan, China
Merchandising

Zhejiang Sci-Tech University, Hangzhou, China
Merchandising

Donghua University, Shanghai, China
Merchandising

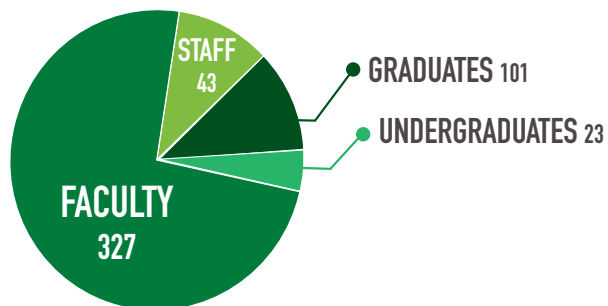
Nanjing Forestry University, Nanjing, China
Computer Science & Computer Engineering
Hospitality Management

Northwestern Polytechnical University, Xi'an, China
Collaborative Academic Agreement for MS+PhD program

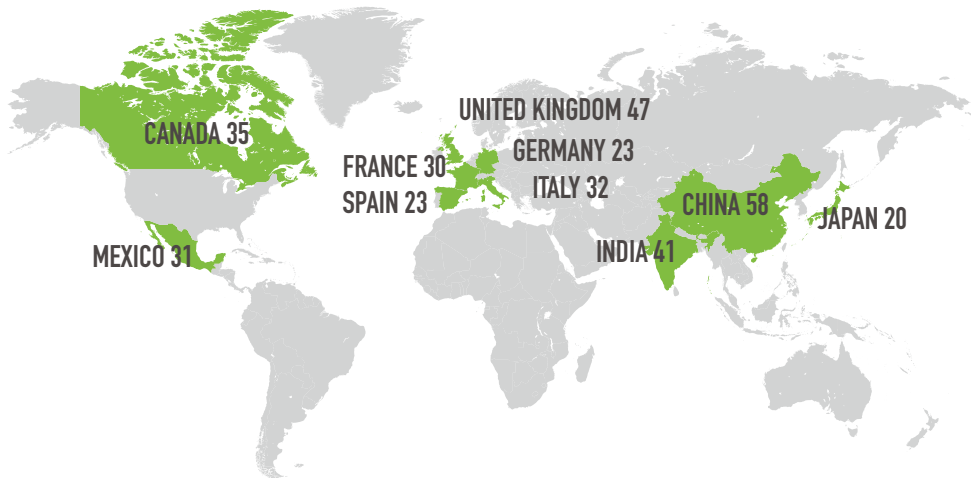
FACULTY | STAFF | STUDENTS AROUND THE WORLD

GLOBAL ACTIVITIES

494 reported global engagement activities
in **56** countries around the world.



TOP 10 DESTINATIONS FOR UNT FACULTY, STAFF AND STUDENTS



ACTIVITIES BY COLLEGE

- 95** College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
- 63** College of Science
- 61** College of Music
- 57** College of Engineering
- 46** College of Information
- 43** College of Education
- 29** College of Health & Public Service
- 26** College of Merchandising, Hospitality and Tourism
- 20** College of Visual Art & Design
- 11** College of Business
- 2** Mayborn School of Journalism

INTENSIVE ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

UNT's on-campus program enrolled **104** students this year

TOP 5 COUNTRIES REPRESENTED AT IELI



These students represent **85%** of IELI students

IELI CELEBRATES 40 YEARS

"IELI is proud to play a role in promoting global understanding and fostering personal and professional relationships at UNT."

UNT's Intensive English Language Institute celebrated its 40th anniversary with a reception in the Union Art Gallery in November 2017. IELI 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.

More than 15,000 students have completed the intensive English language program at UNT. Thousands of these students continued on to graduate with UNT degrees. Many students continue to live and work in Denton and the Dallas-Fort Worth region. One former student is a current adjunct professor in the UNT College of Visual Arts and Design.

"IELI's mission is to provide the highest quality English language instruction and services for international students who want to pursue degrees at UNT. We are passionate about our work because international students add value to the educational experience of American students," Carol Ogden, Intensive English Language Institute.

KANSAI GAIDAI ON-CAMPUS PROGRAM IN JAPAN

More than **300** students

12 Instructors | 1 Coordinator

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY EVALUATIONS

IELI conducted nearly 100 state-mandated proficiency evaluations for UNT's International Teaching Assistants and Fellows at UNT, and provided supplementary training workshops on pronunciation and presentation skills.

IELI instructors designed and delivered English language courses to **50** students in experimental classes at Dalian Jiatong University in China.



ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF

OFFICE OF THE VICE PROVOST AND DEAN

Pia Wood	Vice Provost and Dean, International Affairs
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INTENSIVE ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

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UNT INSTRUCTORS

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Mike Lioy	

KANSAI GAIDAI INSTRUCTORS

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