J-WORLD NEWS

Notes from Nancy's Desk

"Simple exchanges can break walls down between us,
for when people come together and speak to one another
and share a common experience, then their common humanity
is revealed."

- Barack Obama, 44th President of the United States

Fall 2021 - WE'RE BACK ON CAMPUS! We've missed you!

With current visitors from **A**rgentina to **Z**imbabwe, UNT is proud to be hosting J-1 Exchange Visitors from **21** different countries - welcome, everyone!

REMINDERS

If you will be traveling during your program:

- You must have a valid DS-2019 with a *valid travel signature to re-enter the United States.
- You must have a valid J1 visa stamp to re-enter the United States (unless you are a citizen of Canada).
- You must have a valid passport that has more than 6 months remaining of its validity.
- Review UNT Health Alerts https://healthalerts.unt.edu/
- There are federal travel bans in place from several countries. If you plan to travel over the winter break and will be physically present in one of the impacted countries, if you don't already have it, you will need a "National Interest Exception" (NIE) notation on your visa in order to re-enter. Contact the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate for more information. The list of impacted countries can be found on our website here: https://international.unt.edu/content/immigration-updates

***Travel signatures** are valid for 1 year or the end of your DS-2019, whichever comes first. If you need a travel signature, contact jinfo@unt.edu at least 14 days prior to travel date

DS-2019 Extensions should be submitted to jinfo@unt.edu at least 14 days prior to current DS-2019 end date. J-1 Students requiring an extension, must extend for a minimum of 1 year, unless the expected program completion date is sooner.

Your Rights as a Nonimmigrant Visa Holder

Nonimmigrant Visa Holder Information

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SCAM ALERT!

The following message is being sent on behalf of the UNT Police Department. Please contact 940-565-3000 or visit their webpage at police.unt.edu if you have any questions.

Please know that if you are ever called by someone claiming to be an immigration official, you can politely ask them for a call back number then hang up and call ISSS or UNT PD for guidance. ISSS can be reached at 940-565-2195.

The UNT Police Department has been made aware of several scams circulating through our community. To outsmart these criminals, we would like to share some of the common tactics used by scammers.

Scammers like to use what is known as 'spoofing' and 'phishing' to find victims. Spoofing is the disguising of an email address, sender name, phone number, or website URL. This can trick recipients into thinking they are interacting with a trusted source when in reality, they are not.

Phishing often begins as spoofing and leads to the recipient being tricked into providing information that the scammer should not have access to, such as credit card numbers, banking PINs, and passwords.

Scams have become more sophisticated over the years but typically have a few common trends to be aware of.

- A sense of urgency - The scammer will request that you complete the tasks provided as soon as possible.
- Checks for over the agreed amount - If the scammer sends you a check in excess of the amount and asks you to return any portion. They will request this be sent through Gift Cards, Western Union, MoneyGram, Zelle, Venmo, PayPal, etc. An employer will never have you deposit money into your banking account and instruct you to return it through one of the above means.
- Advising not to contact anyone, especially law enforcement - The scammer will stress not to let anyone know about your contact with them. Additionally, scammers may say they have a warrant for your arrest and request payment for no action to be taken.

To help combat these scams, students are encouraged not to answer calls from unknown callers and not respond to emails from unknown senders, especially when not expected. Scammers are often able to spoof legitimate phone numbers/emails and may be able to post ads through legitimate sites. Always verify information. Please watch out for these common trends in scams and contact local law enforcement if you have questions or concerns.

Ensuring the health, safety and welfare of all exchange visitors is the University of North Texas and the Department of State's highest priority:

To help safeguard the health, safety and welfare of all exchange visitors, there is an Exchange Visitor Program Emergency Hotline. This 24/7 toll-free phone number allows exchange visitors to directly contact the Department in emergency and urgent situations. A Department representative is available 24 hours a day.

EVP Emergency Hotline: 1-866-283-9090

Things to Do

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J-1 Spotlight: Dr. Abhijeet Dhal, J-1 Research Scholar

UNT Department of Materials Science and Engineering

I am Abhijeet Dhal, a postdoctoral researcher in the Department of Materials Science and Engineering. My area of research is processing and characterization of advanced alloys. My research focuses on studying the micromechanical behavior of complex alloys developed by additive manufacturing processes and develop structure-property-manufacturing relationships. I am glad to get this opportunity to work in a world-class laboratory with a team of supportive and talented researchers. I came to the USA in February 2021, in the aftermath of covid. As the world recovered from the dreadful effect of the pandemic, I started my journey with an optimism for better future. I am happy that with great support from the UNT family, the journey so far has been extremely well.

Being a travel and history nerd, I love to explore new places, learn about their culture and history. I started my exploration with a walk around the Denton Square on a hot summer day. I was excited to learn about the history of town, and particularly enjoyed the ice cream at the end of the trip. In the past few months, I was lucky to visit many cities like Dallas, Austin, San Francisco, New York with my friends. I had a great time visiting the museums, walking around the cities, and experiencing the cultural amalgamation of the USA. This fall, I am looking forward to experience fall colors and visit the famous Denton Jazz Festival. I hope to continue this series of exploration both in research and travel during my stay at the USA.

Abhijeet, thank you for participating in UNT's Exchange Visitor Program.
We are so happy you are enjoying your time here!

Upcoming Events

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