J-WORLD NEWS

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International Student & Scholar Services

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Howdy! Happy Spring greetings to all our J1 students and scholars!

My name is Rekha Gopalakrishnan and I am the new Assistant Director for Scholar Services at the International Student and Scholar Services office.

I have already had the pleasure of meeting and interacting with some of you. I have been at UNT since 2019 working predominantly with our F-1 students.

I was a J-1 exchange student many moons ago! I came to the US during my Senior year of high school as an exchange student through the Rotary Youth Exchange program. I later returned to Dallas, Texas as an F-1 international student and attended Richland College and the University of Texas at Dallas.

I have Masters degrees in Science Education as well as Higher Education Policy and Leadership. I have worked in the education field for almost 15 years. I am originally from Chennai in India, but I now consider Dallas, Texas my home.

I love to run, bike, and take long walks in my free time. I also like active travel since I feel that it is the best way to interact with different communities and cultures. I look forward to meeting you during your time at UNT!

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SUMMER TRAVEL

- You must have a valid DS-2019 with a valid travel signature to re-enter the United States. 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
- 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
- Review immigration updates at https://international.unt.edu/content/immigration-updates
- On April 14, the State Department's Bureau of Consular Affairs announced that its Travel Advisory levels will no longer be automatically correlated with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) COVID-19 Travel Health Notice levels. Refer to the U.S. Department of State's website for additional information - https://www.state.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory-updates/
- 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.

SCAM ALERT

The UNT Police Department has been made aware of several scams circulating through our community. You can learn more about avoiding and reporting scams at https://consumer.ftc.gov/features/scam-alertsonsumer.ftc.gov/features/scam-alerts.

Please contact the UNT Police Department at 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.

EVP EMERGENCY HOTLINE

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

UNT Fine Arts Series
UNT Art Gallery
UNT Dance & Theatre
UNT College of Music Calendar
UNT CoLab
UNT Calendar
Mean Green Athletics
Discover Denton
Things to do in DFW
Trip Advisor
Denton County Transportation Authority
UNT Transportation Services

J-1 SPOTLIGHT: J-1 Exchange Student Huyen Nguyen
Department of Information Science

I am Huyen Nguyen, a Ph.D. student in the Department of Information Science. I am proud to be from the hometown of the largest cave in the world – Son Doong, Quang Binh, Vietnam.

I first came to the United States for my master's degree on a Fulbright Student Scholarship. This precious opportunity from Fulbright and the great learning environment of UNT has awakened a lot of potential capacities in me, helping me become the best version of myself today. By achieving a maximum GPA for my master's and winning the first place in the 3MT (3-minute thesis) competition held by UNT, I successfully achieved my goal as a Fulbrighter and was ready for the next chapter of my life as a Ph.D. student and a researcher.

My research interests are in the intersection of Natural Language Processing, Machine learning, and Information Retrieval for the Legal Intelligence System.

My career goal is to become a Research Scientist in the Legal AI field, contributing to removing knowledge gaps in the law field and enhancing equality in society.

I enjoy doing all outdoor activities, such as hiking, camping, etc., with my family and friends. I also love baking and trying new recipes with my kids. We genuinely enjoy our experience here at UNT, Texas, and value the diversity of American culture.

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

Your Rights as a Nonimmigrant Visa Holder

Nonimmigrant Visa Holder Information

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