

J-WORLD NEWS

Notes from Nancy's Desk

"A smile is the universal welcome."

- Max Eastman

Fall 2018

It's wonderful to have so many J Exchange Visitors here with us at UNT! I'd like to take a moment to thank all of the faculty and staff involved in hosting our visitors. You make the J Exchange Visitor program a success!

IMMIGRATION NEWS

SCAM ALERT

If you are contacted by someone claiming to be with a U.S. government agency asking for money to fix an immigration or tax issue, **DO NOT** send money and **DO NOT** give them personal information!

Contact ISSS or the UNT police immediately.

Travel Ban

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled the Presidential Proclamation, known informally as the "Trump Travel Ban," as legal.

The impacted countries are Iran, Libya, North Korea, Somalia, Syria, Venezuela, and Yemen. Chad was removed from this list. If you are a citizen of one of these countries, please contact International Student and Scholar Services before traveling internationally.

Unlawful Presence Policy

United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) policy change went into effect August 9, 2018.

F, J, and M visa holders will accumulate days of unlawful presence beginning the day after a status violation occurs. Accumulating days of unlawful presence can result in being barred from re-entering the U.S. for 3 or more years.

[Additional Policy Info](#)

Travel Endorsements

- DS-2019 must be valid
- DS-2019 must be endorsed (signed) for travel by a Responsible Officer
(see bottom-right of your DS-2019 "TRAVEL ENDORSEMENT BY RESPONSIBLE OFFICER.")
- Signature is valid for one year or until the end of your program (whichever comes first)
- If you need a Travel Endorsement, please submit your DS-2019 to International Student and Scholar Services, Marquis Hall 110, along with the Travel Endorsement Form requesting signature at least 2 weeks prior to your trip. If there are no complications, it will be ready for pick up the next business day, after 10 am.
- In order to re-enter the U.S., you will also need a valid visa and passport.

Your Rights as a Nonimmigrant Visa Holder: [Nonimmigrant Visa Holder Information](#)

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Global EncoUNTERS

Join us for Global EcoUNTERS. The Global EncoUNTERS series aims to strengthen cross-cultural understanding, appreciation, and friendship. Members of the UNT international community share and present on their home location and culture, prepare delicious foods, and host Q&A sessions.

These events are free to attend. Families are welcome.



Friday, October 12
3:30p | Marquis Hall 215



Friday, November 9
3:30p | Marquis Hall 215

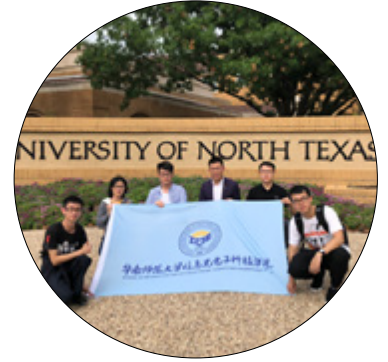
On Monday, October 1, UNT International hosted its first J Scholar Reception. It was a huge success, with more than 75 scholars and faculty attending!



J-1 Spotlight: Shengli Fu, PhD

J-1 Department Host Professor and Chair, Department of Electrical Engineering

In both summers 2017 and 2018, the Department of Electrical Engineering (EE) has organized two visiting summer research programs for students from the South China Normal University, China. During the three-week summer research program, students have the opportunity to sit in the class, conduct a small project under supervising of EE faculty, interact with EE graduate students in the research lab, and enjoy the culture tour in DFW to have more firsthand information about UNT, Texas, and US.



South China Normal University (SCNU) is a member of “Project 211”, a national project aiming to establish 100 well known key universities in China. The University is located in Guangzhou, the open metropolis in south china. The collaborations with SCNU started in summer 2016, when Dr. Shengli Fu visited SCNU and developed the summer research program between the EE at UNT and the School of Information and Optoelectronic Science and Engineering at SCNU. In the following summers, SCNU has selected and sponsored 14 undergraduate students to participate the summer research program: 9 in 2017 and 5 in 2018. One undergraduate advisor, Mr. Longhu Cai, also joined the trip in 2018 to help the summer program. In addition to the classroom experience, the students are assigned to EE research laboratories. For example, in 2018 four research labs hosted students: 1 in the Communication and Signal Processing Lab, 1 in the Computer Aided Design (CAD) lab, 1 in the Networked Intelligent Control Systems Lab, and 2 in the Integrated Biomedical Circuits and Systems Lab. To wrap up their research work, a final poster presentation is hosted at the end of their three-week program. As shown in the figure, Dr. Pia Wood and Mrs. Amanda White-Bennett attended the poster session with students and EE faculty.



As one of the J-1 student mentioned after the program, “I gained a lot and it open(s) my eyes and minds.” The program is very successful to promote EE and UNT for more productive international collaborations. After two visiting summer research programs, SCNU and UNT agreed to expand the collaboration to an international 3+2 program: 3 years in SCNU and 2 years in UNT for a bachelor degree in SCNU and master degree in UNT. The agreement will be signed during the visit to SCNU led by the Provost, Dr. Jennifer Evans-Cowley in October 2018.

Thank you, Dr. Fu, for supporting UNT’s J-1 Student Intern Program!

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Monday-Tuesday: 1:30p-4:30p

Thursday-Friday: 9:30a-11:30a