J-WORLD NEWS

Notes from Nancy's Desk

"Educational exchange can turn nations into people, contributing as no other form of communication can to the humanizing of international relations."

- J. William Fulbright

Welcome to Fall 2019!

We at the University of North Texas are currently sponsoring **174** J-1 Exchange Visitors, from **23** different countries. We're happy to be hosting your visit and welcome you to our global community!

Immigration News: J-1 Students and Online Courses

J-1 regulations state students can take online courses once the full-time enrollment requirement has been met:

12 hours for undergraduates
9 hours for graduates

Traveling Outside the U.S. During Your Program and 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.

Ensuring Exchange Visitor's Health, Safety and Welfare is the University of North Texas and the Department of State's Highest Priority

To help safeguard the health, safety and welfare of exchange visitors, there's an Exchange Visitor Program Emergency Hotline.

1-866-283-9090

This 24/7 toll-free phone number allows exchange visitors to directly contact the Department in emergency and urgent situations.

Your Rights as a Nonimmigrant Visa Holder

Nonimmigrant Visa Holder Information

UNT
DIVISION OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
International Student & Scholar Services

Marquis Hall 110
JInfo@unt.edu
international.unt.edu/immigration
P: 940-565-2195 | F: 940-565-4145

@UNTInternational

Mailing Address
1155 Union Circle #311067
Denton, TX 76203-5017 USA

Things to Do

Division of International Affairs Events
Fine Arts Series
Art Gallery
Dance & Theatre
College of Music Calendar
UNT on the Square
UNT Calendar

UNT Sports
Discover Denton
Things to do in DFW
Trip Advisor
Denton County Transportation Authority
UNT Transportation Services

Check out the Texas State Fair, open until Sunday, October 20th!

Upcoming Events

Global EncoUNTers: Colombia
Join us for a student-led presentation featuring Colombia!
Friday, October 11
3-4:30p | Marquis Hall 130

Homecoming Parade
Sign up to represent your home country on November 2 during the Homecoming Parade!
international.unt.edu

Keep up with all international events!

@UNTInternational

@GlobalUNT

Check It Out!

J-Scholar Reception

Dr. Neal Smatresk, UNT President, Dr. Jennifer Cowley, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Dr. Pia Wood, Vice Provost & Dean of International Affairs welcomed J-1 Scholars and their families at the 2nd annual UNT Visiting Scholars Reception on September 17 in Marquis Hall. Thank you, Nicole Conant, Assistant Director, Departmental Marketing for another successful reception!

Houng Thu Le
J-1 PhD Student, College of Music

MV “Bonjour Vietnam” Acoustic | Hello Vietnam
Xin chào Việt Nam | Huong Thu Le Flute

UNT’s Department of Learning Technologies got together to welcome J-1 and J-2 Exchange visitors.

J-1 Spotlight: Fernanda Raquel Rezende de Castro Moretti

UNT Department of Biological Sciences

I am a postdoctoral research assistant with the BioDiscovery Institute of the Department of Biological Sciences at the University of North Texas. I am currently working with Dr. Ana Paula Alonso to characterize the relationship between wild plants of the coffee family (Rubiaceae) and their fungal endophytes from the perspective of metabolomics. This project is an NSF-funded collaboration between the University of North Texas, Ohio State University, and the University of Costa Rica, where the plants we work with are harvested. I am also a member of the executive board of the Postdoctoral Association at UNT, where I plan social gatherings and workshops for conferences and other scientific events.

I arrived in Denton in the spring of 2018 and immediately felt embraced not only by a friendly working environment, but also by the warm people who live in this city. I love going to the Jazz festival each year and to the many other musical events that happen in the area. I also enjoy walking the Downtown Denton Square and having pleasant meals with my family and friends.

While I have had many wonderful opportunities to incorporate the local culture, the best one of them all was giving birth to my beautiful little Texan girl last year. From now on, no matter where life takes me I'll always have a little part of America to bring along. Coming to work at UNT has been a profoundly enriching experience, and one that continues to empower me daily to grow both as a scientist and as a person.

Fernanda, thank you for choosing UNT!

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