

J-WORLD NEWS

Notes from Nancy's Desk



"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."

- Anne Frank

Spring 2018

Welcome to another exciting year with UNT International!

Program Extensions

How long can I stay?

The responsible officer may extend a participant's program to its maximum regulatory duration. The maximum regulatory duration is the limit imposed by regulations specific to a program category or to a program sponsor's designation.

If extended, a new Form DS-2019 reflecting the extension will be issued to the participant.

Maximum stays:

- **Student Non-Degree:** 24 months
- **Student Degree-Seeking:** As needed
- **Student Intern:** 12 months
- **Research Scholar/Professor:** 5 years
- **Short-Term Scholar:** 6 months

If the extension is mutually agreed upon by the hosting department and the J-1 scholar, and the program duration maximum has not been met, the hosting department should contact jinfo@unt.edu for a DS-2019 Extension Request Form. DS-2019 must be extended BEFORE the current DS-2019 ends.

Requirements for the extension include:

- Proof of funding for the extension timeframe
- New Department Invitation Letter
- Extension of Health Insurance

30-Day Grace Period

Following the completion of their program, (the period defined on Form DS-2019), United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) allows participants a 30-day travel period. This travel period is commonly referred to as the "grace period." During this 30-day grace period, participants are no longer in J-visa status and are under the jurisdiction of USCIS.

USCIS grants this period to allow participants to settle their affairs and to prepare to return to their home countries. Program participants may not work and may not continue and/or complete exchange activities. Participants may travel within the United States. Travel outside the U.S. is discouraged as participants may not be permitted reentry.

Executive Orders (EO) Regarding Immigration

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UNT International Events

Join us for Global EcoUNTERS: TAIWAN on Wednesday, March 21st from 3:30-5 pm in the Willis Library Forum.

A promotional poster for the Taiwan event. It features a scenic view of a tea plantation on a hillside in Taiwan. The text includes 'Free with UNT ID' in a black circle, 'WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21', '3:30-5P', 'WILLIS FORUM', 'Food | Culture | History', and 'Taiwan' in large white letters. The 'GLOBAL encoUNTERS' logo is at the bottom right.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

3:30-5P

WILLIS FORUM

Food | Culture | History

Taiwan

GLOBAL encoUNTERS

Culture | Music | Food | History

Join us in the Forum for a casual get-together and a closer look at the small island nation of Taiwan. Modern cities, traditional Chinese temples, hot springs, mountains and more.

The Global EncoUNTERS series aims to strengthen cross-cultural understanding, appreciation, and friendship. Members of the UNT international community share and present on their country and culture, prepare delicious foods, and host Q&A sessions. These events are free to attend. Families are welcome.

A promotional poster for the University Day Flag Parade. It shows a group of students holding flags, including the Bangladesh flag. The text includes 'UNIVERSITY DAY FLAG PARADE', 'Friday, April 13 10:30a', and 'international.unt.edu'. A 'Sign up online!' button is in the bottom right corner.

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University Day Flag Parade

Friday, April 13

To walk in the parade, register online or visit Marquis Hall 110 by Friday, April 6.

Want more? Visit the [UNT International Events Calendar](#)



UNT's Department of Learning Technologies hosted a pre-Thanksgiving celebration for their visiting scholars on November 16, 2017. Five J-1 Scholars had the opportunity to present their research and share their experiences at UNT. Faculty provided the food and refreshments, including a 26 pound turkey! Many thanks to the College of Engineering for their strong support of UNT's J-1 Exchange Visitor Program.

J-1 Spotlight: Tony Lingjerde, J-1 Student Intern

UNT Department of Behavior Analysis

Home University: Oslo and Akershus University, Oslo, Norway

My name is Tony and I am a J-1 Student Intern that has made my way from Norway. I was lucky to be able to take an abroad program through my school in Norway. And I landed here at The University of North Texas where I am researching the American take on Behavior Analysis and working over at Kristin Farmer's Autism Center doing a 3 month program for my bachelor's degree in Social Education. My time here at UNT has been amazing. I have met a lot of different people with a lot of different meanings and opinions. That was one of my main goals that I wanted to see while I was here. To get other opinions and meanings on how people with disabilities are handled here versus in Norway. Unfortunately I am here for only three months.



I would like to take a full semester or even a year to see the country and meet more people. Here in Denton you will meet a lot of friendly people, if you come from Europe over here you will be surprised how friendly people are. They will take care of you and give you the full American College lifestyle. People here are curious about other cultures and it has been a blast to show and tell them about the Norwegian culture and how different it is. When it comes to sports I have never really been a fan, but after experiencing the Super Bowl 2018, in an American home and experience that passion people have for their teams has been cool to see. I have tasted a lot of American food and I have made a lot of new friends that I will for sure have contact with for the rest of my life. I am super happy that I took the leap of faith into this decision of coming here all alone, have learned a lot, seen Texas and I am grateful for the opportunity that UNT has given me to be here.

Thank you, Tony! We are happy to have you here at UNT!

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Monday-Thursday: 9:30a-11:30a & 1:30p-4:30p
Friday: 9a-12p