

# J-WORLD NEWS

*Notes from Nancy's Desk*



"Unity is strength... when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved."

- Mattie Stepanek

## Welcome to Spring 2019!

With UNT's outstanding programs and distinguished faculty and staff, I'm sure this is going to be another exciting year. Thank you for joining us - we're glad you're here!

## Immigration News: Taxes

All international students, scholars and interns are required to file a U.S. tax return, even if they do not have U.S. source income. Every international student (F and J status) has an obligation to complete a tax form once per year for the first five calendar years that they are in the U.S.

**You must file Form 8843.** Form 8843 is also required for ALL dependents under an F, J, M or Q visa. If you receive U.S. source income, including wages, stipend, or scholarship funds, you will likely have federal tax withheld from your checks (unless you benefit from a tax treaty).

### [More information about filing taxes](#)

UNT International has contracted with GLACIER Tax Prep to provide online tax form assistance to eligible international students at UNT. GLACIER Tax Prep codes will be available for student use after UNT sends out Form 1042-S to eligible students in mid-March. A limited number of free access codes will be sent to my.unt.edu email addresses only. Access to the software will be first come, first served.

Students/Scholars can purchase individual codes on their own at [glaciertax.com](http://glaciertax.com)

If you have been in the U.S. for more than 5 total years you are NOT eligible to use the GLACIER Tax Prep software.

## ADDITIONAL TAX RESOURCES

[United Way of Denton County](#)  
[TurboTax](#)  
[H&R Block](#)

[Jackson Hewitt Tax Service](#)  
[Liberty Tax Service](#)

More info: [IRS website](#)

**Your Rights as a Nonimmigrant Visa Holder**  
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# J-1 Student Interns and J-1 Student Academic Training Guidance Directive 2018-01

College & University Student Category: Avoiding Unskilled Placements in Academic Training and Student Internship Programs

As part of the Department of State's category review of the College and University Student category of the Exchange Visitor Program, the Department has compiled the following guidance in order to assist Department-designated sponsors in this category with the administration of their exchange visitor programs.

[More information](#)

## 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 all exchange visitors, there is 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.

### If Your Contact Info Changes

Students must update on [my.unt.edu](http://my.unt.edu) within 10 days

Scholars/Interns send updates to [jinfo@unt.edu](mailto:jinfo@unt.edu) within 10 days

## Things to Do

[Fine Arts Series](#)

[Art Gallery](#)

[Dance & Theatre](#)

[College of Music Calendar](#)

[UNT on the Square](#)

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[UNT Sports](#)

[Discover Denton](#)

[Things to do in DFW](#)

[Trip Advisor](#)

[Denton County](#)

[Transportation Authority](#)

[UNT Transportation Services](#)

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

## Upcoming Events



### NationaliTEA: China

Join us for tea and treats from China!

Wednesday, April 3

3-4:30p | Marquis Hall 130



### University Day Parade

Sign up to represent your home country on

April 12 during University Day!

[international.unt.edu](http://international.unt.edu)

Keep up with  
all international  
events!



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@GlobalIUNT

# J-1 Spotlight: Giovanni Francesco Massari, Research Scholar

UNT Department of Physics

Home University: Polytechnic University of Bari, Italy

My name is Giovanni and I am a J-1 Research Scholar. I am currently a PhD student in the Department of Mechanical and Management Engineering at the Polytechnic University of Bari, in Italy. My doctoral research deals with numerical and experimental studies on the Collective Intelligence in human groups. This is a relatively new field of study, which has recently attracted a huge interest from scientists with different academic backgrounds including engineers and physicists. At the beginning of the third and last year of my Doctoral program I decided to start a full year exchange program at the University of North Texas. I would like to thank Dr. Grigolini who gave me the opportunity to join the Centre for Non Linear Science in the Department of Physics. Working with him and his colleagues, I have learned more about social emergent behaviors through the analysis of their time series.



This is just one aspect of this beautiful experience. Here, I have met a lot of people and shared with them our cultures, traditions, foods and American campus lifestyle. They have introduced me to many UNT events, organized by international communities and by Music Department. I am very excited to have applied to the exchange (visitor) program between UNT and the Polytechnic University of Bari, because I learned a lot, improved my interpersonal skills and grew as a person. I have tasted a lot of American food and I have made a lot of new friends with whom I will keep in contact for the rest of my life. I wish to all upcoming researchers and students to have such wonderful experience. To conclude, I would like to express my gratitude to the Physics Department and all the people I work with, because they were making my visit an unforgettable experience.

**Giovanni, we are excited to be a part of this collaboration with you!**

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