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UTD INTERNATIONALIZATION NEWS

About The International Center

The University of Texas at Dallas (UT Dallas) International Center is organized administratively into three major offices: International Education, International Students and Scholars, and International Initiatives. We provide access to quality international education that impacts all of UT Dallas by building and cultivating strategic partnerships locally and abroad, supporting the success of international students and scholars, and developing safe and meaningful opportunities for students, faculty, and staff to interact with peers and colleagues across the globe.



This second installment of our semesterly newsletter informs our UT Dallas community about the exciting opportunities, advancements, and successes in campus internationalization from our International Center.

Tune in every semester & share this newsletter with fellow Comets for the latest internationalization news.



Delegations

- Universidad Autónoma de Chihuahua Representatives
- Representatives from the Cyber Command of the Nigerian Armed Forces
- Colleagues from the Japan-America Society
- University Mexico Mayoral Office Staff
- Strathmore University from Kenya
- Riga Business School from Latvia

Letter from Vice Provost for Global Engagement and Dean of Graduate Education, Dr. Juan González

Dear Friends,

The University of Texas at Dallas continues to expand its international footprint. This is, largely due to the incredible support we receive from our supporters and partners. The UT Dallas International Center's mission is to engage the campus on everything global, from education abroad opportunities, to new international partnerships, to welcoming students from all over the world. Below is a brief update on how we continue to develop and support global opportunities for our students and the community here at UT Dallas.

– Dr. Juan González



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Texas Diplomat in Residence News

We are pleased to announce that Mr. Daniel Stewart, a seasoned Foreign Service Officer with over twenty-three years of experience at the U.S. Department of State, has been selected as the Texas region's next Diplomat in Residence (DIR), and will hold an affiliation at the University of Texas at Dallas during his two-year appointment. Mr. Stewart's impressive career has included assignments in various countries, including Iraq, Brazil, Belgium, South Africa, and Mali. He brings a wealth of experience to his new role as he embarks on a two-year tenure as the Diplomat in Residence for Texas, commencing in Fall 2023.

In his capacity as DIR, Mr. Stewart will actively recruit diverse talent for career and student program opportunities with the U.S. Department of State. His responsibilities will include mentoring and guiding interested individuals through the application and selection process, conducting group events, one-on-one office hours, and collaborating with career advisors and faculty members across the region. We look forward to Mr. Stewart's valuable contributions to promoting future careers in American diplomacy throughout Texas and are honored to host him at UT Dallas during his appointment.

International Center Advisory Board

In the Fall of 2022, the International Center formally established its Advisory Board. The University of Texas at Dallas International Center Advisory Board "UTDICAB" provides UT Dallas with thoughtful insights and guidance regarding the ongoing internationalization process and contributes broad input and advice to advance the University's international mission and vision. It helps UT Dallas develop global initiatives, support student international experiences, and promote its role as a world-class teaching, research, and service university. The Board is led by President Richard C. Benson, Provost Inga Musselman, and includes prominent [UT Dallas leadership](#).

UT Dallas Asia Office

In supporting UT Dallas' strategic initiative to engage globally, one of the critical elements is diversifying our international student body. The economic growth and the demand for higher education are highest in the far-east and southeast Asia and Africa regions. The countries experiencing rapid growth include India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, and Nigeria.

As of July 10th, 2023, the UT Dallas Asia Office established a physical presence of the University of Texas at Dallas in the Asia region to help engage with prospective quality students from the area. The UT Dallas Asia office is located in New Delhi, India providing accessibility to a large potential student population and a solid base for alum engagement, and institutional partnerships. The office is led by Meenakshi Sharma, the new Senior Manager, Outreach and Recruitment, at UTD Asia.

Our Engagement in Africa

In May of 2023, a delegation from the UT Dallas International Center, including the Senior Director, International Center, Josephine Vitta, Director of International Students and Scholars Services Sarah Ku, and Director for International Initiatives Jennifer Hilton Montero attended the EducationUSA Regional Forum for Sub-Saharan Africa in Capetown and, following the Forum, attended college recruitment fairs in Capetown, South Africa and Nairobi, Kenya. The UT Dallas delegation presented and attended panels and skills workshops on diverse topics led by U.S. government officials, U.S. higher education professionals, and EducationUSA overseas staff. In addition, the delegation met with colleagues from United States International University, Aga Khan University (Nairobi campus), Moi University, and Strathmore University in Nairobi, Kenya, regarding potential institutional collaborations. Ingrid London, Assistant Provost for Admissions and Enrollment, our Director for International Initiatives, and our Vice Provost for Global Engagement participated in the EducationUSA West African College Fair Tour from September 14th to the 23rd which featured undergraduate and graduate fairs in Accra, Ghana, Abuja and Lagos, Nigeria, and Abidjan, Cote D'Ivoire.

Fulbright Appointees and Opportunities

UT Dallas is pleased to announce that Professors Rosemary Admiral, Dr. Colette Copeland, and Dr. Robert Wallace have received Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program awards to Morocco, India, and Ireland, respectively, for the 2023-2024 academic year from the U.S. Department of State and the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

Professor Copeland and Dr. Wallace are among over 800 U.S. citizens who will teach or conduct research abroad for the 2023-2024 academic year through the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program. Fulbrighters engage in cutting-edge research and expand their professional networks, often continuing research collaborations started abroad and laying the groundwork for forging future partnerships between institutions. Upon returning to their home institutions, they share their stories and often become active supporters of international exchange, inviting foreign scholars to campus and encouraging colleagues and students to go abroad.

As Fulbright Scholar alums, their careers are enriched by joining a network of thousands of esteemed scholars, many of whom are leaders in their fields. Notable Fulbright alumni include 62 Nobel Prize laureates, 89 Pulitzer Prize recipients, 78 MacArthur Fellows, and 41 who have served as a head of state or government. Since 1946, the Fulbright Program has provided more than 400,000 participants from over 160 countries - chosen for their academic merit and leadership potential - with the opportunity to exchange ideas and contribute to finding solutions to challenges facing our communities and our world.

Campus Internationalization Events

International Education Week

The International Education Week Landing page is LIVE - [please go to this page](#) to view the events list. Events will populate on the Comet calendar and the IEW webpage.

The UT Dallas International Center looks forward to International Education Week (IEW) 2023, November 13-17! IEW is an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and worldwide exchanges. This joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education is part of an effort to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn and exchange experiences. Universities and institutions nationwide participate in this event to show their local communities all the international opportunities available to them.



INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK
2023 Event Schedule

Date	Event	Time	Location
13 NOV	Open Doors 2023 Annual Data Release	8:00 AM	Virtual Event
	JSOM International Engagement 101	2:00 PM	JSOM II 11.305
	EPPS Global Showcase	3:00 PM	GR 3.316
14 NOV	JSOM International Engagement 101	10:00 AM	JSOM II 11.305
	Peace Corps Prep Program Info Session	2:30 PM	FA 2.206
	Intercultural Sensitivity in the Classroom	3:00 PM	Virtual Event
	Virtual Exchange/COIL Faculty Showcase	4:00 PM	Virtual Event
15 NOV	Designing a Successful Faculty-Led Proposal	10:30 AM	FA 2.206
	UT Dallas Passport Office Open House	11:00 AM	ROC 2.902
	Dept. of State Careers, Internships, and Fellowships	2:00 PM	FA 2.206
	Student Voices: What Study Abroad Meant to Me	3:00 PM	GR 2.326
International Trivia Night	4:00 PM	GR 2.326	
16 NOV	International Research Ethics	1:00 PM	FA 2.206
	EPPS Study and Work in Germany	2:00 PM	GR 2.326
	Global Mobility Club Career Panel	2:30 PM	SSA Auditorium
	Funding for International Research and Study	4:00 PM	FA 2.206
17 NOV	Global Mobility Club Virtual Career Fair	9:00 AM	Virtual Event
	Supporting International Students When a Crisis Hits at Home	10:30 AM	FA - OGS 2.206
	Fulbright Information Session for Faculty	2:00 PM	FA 2.206

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UT DALLAS PASSPORT OFFICE



The UTD Passport Office has experienced remarkable growth, extending its offerings to serve the campus and the local community. Recognized by the Dallas Morning News for addressing the surge in passport demand and processing times, our efficient and customer-centric approach ensures a seamless experience for applicants. Our dedicated team of specialists is committed to providing exceptional service, making passport acquisition convenient and hassle-free for all.



ROC 2.902



utdallas.edu/ic/passport-services/



Office of Immigrant and Citizenship Services Opening this Fall

The International Center is excited to announce the opening of a new unit in fall 2023. The Office of Immigrant and Citizenship Services (OICS) will work with internal and external community partners to expand immigration and citizenship support for international students and other UT Dallas community members who are not in F or J visa categories. We look forward to sharing additional information regarding our activities soon.

Office of International Education

The Office of International Education (OIE) expanded its faculty-led study abroad programs offering four end of spring programs and four summer programs to students in 2023. Student participation increased by over 275% with offerings in Rabat, Morocco, Florence, Italy, Sevilla, Spain, Paris, France, Lugano, Switzerland, Prague, Czech Republic and Tokyo, Japan! Students studied a variety of subjects ranging from the arts and humanities to social sciences to engineering and computer science. The International Education Fee Scholarship, National Merit Scholars, Terry Scholars, or McDermott Scholars provided funding to 78% of UT Dallas students who took part in these programs. We look forward to working with exceptional faculty to develop more program options for 2024 and expand our locations and academic disciplines.

New Exchange Partnerships

- Universidad Carlos III Madrid, Spain
- Toyo University in Tokyo, Japan
- Deakin University in Melbourne, Australia is now university-wide



Office of International Students and Scholars

Starting September 25, 2023, Sarah Ku is the new Director of the International Students and Scholars Office (ISSO). As an alum of UT Dallas with ten years of experience in international education, she strives to increase collaboration in furthering diversity, student success, and globalization of the campus community.

On August 29, 2023, the ISSO met with the Customs and Immigration Services (CIS) Ombudsman. With UT Dallas having one of the largest international student populations, CIS wanted to discuss trends, issues, and concerns. Additionally, on October 23, 2023, the ISSO met with our Student and Exchange Visitor (SEVP) Field Representative. Meetings with our field representative occur twice a year where he will inform us of any upcoming changes, answer questions regarding SEVP, and also ask questions regarding trends, patterns and concerns.



International Grants

TIEF COIL

UT Dallas was granted a 2023 COIL and Study Abroad Development Grant from the Texas International Education Fund sponsored by the Texas International Education Consortium (TIEC). Professor Mary Beth Goodrich is receiving support for her Capstone Senior Project in Business Management course, partnering with Sheffield Hallam University (England). The COIL and Study Abroad Development grants invest in new ideas and efforts that will expand international opportunities for Texas students.

NORWAY COIL

UT Dallas professors Dr. Carol Lanham and Dr. Chandramallika Basak also received the Norwegian Panorama Virtual Exchange/COIL Partnerships Initiative: U.S., Japan, and South Korea Grant. They partnered with the University of Oslo and Kansai University on the course: Ageing in the 21st Century: A cross-cultural exploration. The AAC&U Institute partnered with the Norwegian Directorate for Higher Education and Skills to provide a Virtual Exchange/ Collaborative Online (VE/COIL) Learning Institute Grant. Through a customized program, campus teams benefited from high-quality professional development by renowned experts. Blended learning, in-person workshops, and personalized guidance ensure success. Access to best practices and resources enhances global partnerships, fostering online dialogue and collaboration.

TIEF Internationalization Grant

UT Dallas received the Texas International Education Consortium's (TIEC) Texas International Education Fund Internationalization Grant to develop the Global Scholars Certificate Program (GSCP) in a STEM environment. The Honors College will lead the initiative in collaboration with the International Center and various other offices. The program aims to increase international engagement for students by developing globally focused courses and experiential components. UT Dallas seeks to enhance its strategic internationalization goals and provide more opportunities for students to build a global mindset and cross-cultural understanding.

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