2021
A Year In Review
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Vice Provost for International Affairs

The past year and a half has presented many challenges in higher education and also an opportunity to rethink our internationalization efforts in the face of the COVID pandemic.

Many institutions, including TTU, experienced significant decrease in international student enrollment. The question of how to mitigate this crisis required a paradigm shift from academic mobility to engagement. One that would allow students to understand that being connected to their university through technology in various modalities would fill the gap between mobility and connectivity. And a shift in thinking to understand that virtual forms of mobility would be equally beneficial for intercultural exchange and understanding between our local and global communities. The Office of International Affairs [OIA] has served as the hub for these efforts during the pandemic leading the charge for rethinking our campus internationalization efforts and providing support for our campus partners along the way.

Despite wavering student enrollment, OIA provided exceptional support to our international students, staff, and faculty through our service units. Though travel-based study abroad programs were completely halted during the pandemic, spring 2021 provided a unique opportunity through a virtual study abroad experience at the TTU Center in Sevilla. Staff worked closely with the TTU Spanish department to collectively create an engaging hybrid virtual experience to meet the academic goals of students who were unable to travel to the Center.

Texas Tech was chosen for a third year to host the very prestigious Mandela Washington Fellowship Program for Young African Leaders. To comply with the new virtual model, the TTU Mandela Admin team learned new skills to provide a variety of virtual events designed to give the Fellows an experience as close as possible to the in-person institute.

To meet the demand for community outreach, the K-12 Global Education Outreach unit had to switch modalities from in-person to virtual learning during the pandemic to provide for its annual audience of over 20,000 students and teachers. The hands-on cultural video lesson kits have been instrumental in meeting demand through remote learning but have also provided an opportunity for expanding the unit’s outreach programming in the region. International Art and Culture experienced much the same providing exhibit links online for viewing and live streaming major public events such as the popular Ambassador Forum held each year in the spring.

In addition to these initiatives, International Enrollment continued to promote online opportunities for students who were unable to travel to the U.S. due to embassy closures. With continued uncertainty regarding immigration laws and travel restrictions, the ISSS unit remained diligent in providing timely communication to our students and worked closely with them during this time. International Student Life provided airport pickup, a student pantry, cultural celebrations, game nights, workshops, and many virtual activities to help engage students throughout the year.

This “pandemic” has certainly presented its challenges, but TTU has risen to the occasion and grown stronger as a result. Our mission has not changed. We are still committed to preparing globally competent students, globally connected faculty and staff, and a globally engaged community. Let’s work together to build an empowered and internationalized populace of Red Raiders!

THINK GLOBAL. THINK TEXAS TECH.
Our Mission
The Office of International Affairs advances the global vision of Texas Tech University by promoting international leadership, awareness, education, scholarship, and outreach for the university and the greater community.

Our Vision
The Office of International Affairs will broaden the global reputation of the university by integrating international education, scholarship, and engagement with global issues, and by strengthening intercultural understanding for students, faculty, staff, and the greater community.
Center for Global Communication (CGC)
The Center for Global Communication (CGC) develops educational programming and resources to enhance communication as well as multicultural skills for students to effectively converse in a global context. CGC provides resources for students interested in learning about global challenges, speaker programs for faculty to raise awareness of global issues, and global challenge teaching modules for faculty.

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International Center for Arid & Semi-Arid Land Studies (ICASALS)
ICASALS promotes the university's special mission of the interdisciplinary study of arid and semiarid environments and the human relationship to these environments from an international perspective. The purpose of ICASALS is to stimulate, coordinate, and implement teaching, research, and public service activities concerning all aspects of the world's arid and semiarid regions, their people, and their problems.

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International Enrollment & K-12 Global Education Outreach (IEO)
IEO supports the academic pursuits of international students by providing expertise in international recruitment, international undergraduate admissions, sponsored students services, and marketing.

The K-12 Global Education Outreach (GEO) unit serves as a liaison for the university, providing cultural programming to K-12 students from public, private, and home schools throughout the South Plains.

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**International Grants Administration & Partnerships (IGAP)**
IGAP works with faculty to identify and disseminate international research and development grant opportunities and to help develop and submit multidisciplinary proposals to funding agencies. Additionally, they work with faculty to develop partnerships with international institutions to further enhance the international reputation of Texas Tech University.

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**International Relations & Outreach (IRO)**
Comprised of International Alumni Relations, International Arts and Culture (art exhibits, speakers, etc.), International Scholars Engagement, and International Fundraising, IRO engages and connects TTU alumni, scholars, and donors and brings cultural programming to the multiple and diverse South Plains and TTU communities.

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ISSS operates the university's international student and exchange visitor immigration programs and provides employment-based immigration services to the university. It also oversees the Office of International Student Life (ISL). Counselors advise and assist international students and scholars concerning immigration rules, financial concerns, and cross-cultural issues. International Student Life plans activities for international students and coordinates with other offices on campus to provide services and programmatic support to all international students.

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Study Abroad (SA)
SA coordinates all study abroad programs for Texas Tech University. Many academic departments offer faculty-led programs, usually in the summer, with a wide variety of course offerings and locations to include the TTU Center in Sevilla, Spain and TTU Costa Rica. Students can earn TTU credit while taking a catalog course in an international location with Texas Tech faculty. Other study abroad programs range in length from three weeks to a full academic year. Study Abroad Counselors assist students in choosing a program that best fits their individual needs and goals, while also providing guidance during the application and orientation process.

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Administration & Finance (A&F)
The Administration and Finance unit provides support to all units and divisions in the Office of International Affairs, and interacts with other campus entities for administrative and financial issues as they relate to the OIA. The Passport Application Acceptance Office is part of this unit, and offers full passport services to the campus and surrounding community. The Passport office accepts applications Monday-Friday. Appointments are required and may be made by contacting our office at 806-742-3667.

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Texas Tech University’s international student community is made up of nearly 3,000 students from over 113 countries. Its global footprint continues to expand from year to year– truly making it an international university.

**Top 10 Countries for International Enrollment for FY2021**

- **India** 275
- **China** 217
- **Bangladesh** 160
- **Nepal** 114
- **Nigeria** 104
- **Costa Rica** 84
- **Iran** 79
- **Mexico** 48
- **Vietnam** 47
- **Sri Lanka** 47

Total International Student Enrollment for Fall 2021*:

- Undergraduate: 1,134
- Graduate: 1,523
- Total: 2,662

*5 TTU School of Law International Students
CENTER FOR GLOBAL COMMUNICATION

Key Accomplishments for FY 2021
Global challenge learning modules have been designed by the CGC in consultation with faculty experts across campus and are currently deployed in undergraduate courses across several colleges. Global challenge modules cover contemporary global topics through purposeful instruction to facilitate student engagement with theoretical issues that have practical application to global concerns. During the current fiscal year, selected modules have been updated including the addition of a new module on climate change.

To ensure that all undergraduates are exposed to global perspectives regardless of their study focus, Texas Tech has established the Academy for Curricular Internationalization to provide training in teaching excellence in the area of course internationalization for tenure-track faculty, professors of practice and instructors. Detailed planning has been completed for the 2021-2022 workshop series titled Teaching Without Borders, which will build a community of fellows that share an understanding that the future presents complex challenges that require collaboration beyond national borders and that such challenges need to be brought into focus in the classroom. This faculty-training workshop series will utilize a peer-mentoring approach to cover the basics of course internationalization so instructors can clearly articulate global learning outcomes and readily transform teaching content, pedagogies, and means of assessment.

Curricular-Globalization
Faculty Workshops

 √ Intercultural Awareness
 √ Global-challenge Designs
 √ Communication Effectiveness
 √ SLO/Assessment integration
INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR ARID AND SEMI-ARID LAND STUDIES

Key Accomplishments

Research
- Submitted three (3) grant proposals to federal funding agencies in collaboration with Partners of the Americas, US Department of State and National Science Foundation.
- Obtained funding from the US Department of State and Partners of the Americas for a collaborative research project between Texas Tech University, University Técnica de Honduras, and Universidad San Carlos de Guatemala.
- Developed new collaborations with national and international Arid Lands Research Institutes in Ecuador, Peru, and Brazil.
- Initiated and signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between Texas Tech University and Universities in Honduras and Guatemala. These MOUs will promote the exchange of faculty and students and the submission of joint collaborative proposals.

Education
- Raised $36K in RA scholarships for students in the master’s on Arid Lands program.
- Students in the Arid Lands submitted grants to Texas Academy of Sciences.
- Students in the program published four (4) manuscripts in national and international peer-reviewed journals.

Outreach
- The "Frontiers in International Research" seminar series continued with a Forum format during the Spring and Fall semester of 2021, successfully reaching over 400 people from 6 different countries.
- Continued the production of vignettes of species, ecosystems, and processes unique to Arid and Semi-Arid Lands environments.
- Sponsored “High and Dry: A Photographic Exhibition of Peoples and Places of the World’s Dry Lands”.

Fulbright 75th Anniversary

The Office of International Affairs along with university units working with TTU Fulbrighters—Offices of the Provost, Research and Innovation, Prestigious External Student Awards, and Graduate and Postdoctoral Fellowships—proudly joined the worldwide celebration of Fulbright’s 75th Anniversary.

A recently prepared report shows that 164 TTU faculty and admin/staff as well as 55 students across diverse disciplines have served as Fulbright Scholars and Fellows worldwide (68 countries) since 1957. Our TTU Fulbright alumni represent the highest values of Texas Tech commitment to educating and empowering a diverse student body, enabling innovative research and creative activities, and transforming lives and communities through strategic outreach and engaged scholarships. As cultural ambassadors, TTU Fulbrighters embrace the program’s mission to advance mutual understanding across countries and cultures, facilitate learning and knowledge development and exchange across diverse backgrounds, and build a worldwide community while contributing to the lives of diverse populations.

Texas Tech University continues to build a solid foundation to support inbound and outbound Fulbright Scholars and Fellows to build a worldwide community of engaged scholars.
**K-12 GEO INITIATIVES**

By offering virtual options, K-12 GEO was able to expand programming to a wider audience. As a result, in 2021 more students were able to attend some of the most popular programs such as El Dia de los Muertos and Weihnachtsfest.

**Served**
- **28 out of 30** Lubbock ISD elementary schools
- **5 of the 11** Lubbock ISD middle schools
- **6 of the 8** Schools in the Lubbock-Cooper school district
- **10 of 13** Schools in the Frenship school district
- **12 Private & Rural** Schools in the Lubbock area

“*The K-12 Global Education Outreach has given our students an opportunity to do things that they are not able to do in the classroom. At the Cultural Center are students are able to meet people from other world cultures and learn about their way of life and have an experience that will stay with them for a lifetime.*”

Joni Rodela  
K-12 Social Studies and World Languages Coordinator  
Lubbock ISD

**Developed**
- **7 Virtual Video Lessons**

**Served nearly**  
**13,000 Students** through in-person and *On The Road* cultural programming
Global Vision Awards 2021

Individuals and groups dedicated to the globalization and international reach of Texas Tech University and higher education were recognized for their efforts during the 2021 Global Vision Awards at the International Cultural Center. The event was also available for online participation.

Established in 2003 by the Office of International Affairs (OIA), the Global Vision Awards recognize the extraordinary efforts of colleagues who promote global engagement and provide important opportunities to enrich the experiences of both domestic and international students, faculty, staff and Lubbock community members.

**Tibor Nagy**
Former Provost for International Affairs

Global Vision Lifetime Achievement Award

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**2021 GVA Award Recipients**

Dr. Carole Edwards  
Classical & Modern Languages & Literatures  
Donald R. Hagan Study Abroad Award

Edward E. Whitaker, Jr.  
College of Engineering  
Dean Al Sacco accepting

Dr. Mark Charney  
College of Visual & Performing Arts  
Global Engagement Community Award

Dr. Joe Hodes  
Honors College  
Faculty International Scholarship

Shane Wong  
Department of Plant and Soil Science  
Student International Research Award

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INTERNATIONAL UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS & RECRUITING

Admissions Statistics

- Hosted virtual one-on-one meetings with over 280 prospective international students.
- Implemented Coalition App, now processing five application resources for students.
- Hosted over 100 virtual events in 2021.
- Hosted 5 Fulbright students/scholars from IIE and Laspau.
- In 2021, 76 sponsored students from 8 countries and 6 sponsoring programs attended Texas Tech University.

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Application and admission numbers include Lubbock and TTU Costa Rica Campus.

International High School Students
- 496 Admitted

International Transfer Students
- 100 Admitted

Average SAT Score for International Students
- 1266

Average GPA for first-time incoming international students.
- 3.61 GPA
# Recruitment Initiatives

**Hosted**

- **280 virtual one-on-one meetings** with prospective international students

**Expanded**

- **EducationUSA partnership** with centers for recruitment, hosting 28 recruiting events around the world, and participating in EducationUSA Forum

**Collaborated with**

- **International Grants & Partnerships** Unit (IGAP) to host webinar to promote Global Bridge Program

**Launched**

- **Social Media Promotions** campus highlights, events for admitted students, and *Global Glimpse* YouTube series

**Developed**

- **Webinar Wednesdays** Live social media Q&A sessions, highlighting TTU colleges and community services

**Awarded**

- **$26,000 in Scholarships** to International Students for recruitment and retention efforts

**Promoted**

- **Online Coursework** in a collaborative effort with campus departments

**Implemented**

- **Brazil Fast-Track Application Process** with TTU K-12 / eLearning

**Implemented**

- **Collaborated with International Student Life Global Guides** for ongoing recruitment efforts and mentoring programs for incoming students

## Virtual Recruitment Fairs

**Study Texas Collaboration** – 3 Fairs

- College for International Studies (CIS) Spain Fair in collaboration with TTU Center in Sevilla, Spain – 3 Fairs

- TTU International Recruitment Fair – 2 Fairs with 400+ students in attendance

- Seattle International Transfer Fair – 2 Fairs

- Edufest, India – 3 Fairs

- Bahamas Virtual Fair

- WHA Fair with EducationUSA – 1,800+ students participated

**International Transfer Fairs:**

- Foothill College Fair, CA
- Peralta Community College, CA
- College of San Mateo, CA
- El Camino College, CA
- Kunal Parekh H.S. Tour
- Lone Star College, TX
- Houston Community College, TX
- Santa Barbara City College, CA
- Broward College, FL
- Broward College STEM Fair, FL
- North Central Texas College IC3 Virtual Fair
INTERNATIONAL GRANTS ADMINISTRATION & PARTNERSHIPS

• Assisted in the submission of $10,841,962 in sponsored project grant proposals and $32,546,010 in concept notes from 6 colleges, 2 schools, 17 departments, 2 centers, and the TTU Campus in Costa Rica.

• Selected to virtually host TTU's third cohort of Mandela Washington Fellows from Sub-Saharan Africa awarded through the U.S. Department of State. This cohort is an extension of the 2020 Fellowship which was delayed due to the pandemic.

• Awarded over $500,000 from the U.S. Embassy in Ethiopia to lead a leadership training institute for Ethiopian higher education leaders in collaboration with Oklahoma State University and the Ohio State University.

• Awarded 6 International Research and Development Seed Grants to new and established TTU investigators to support preliminary investigative work.

• IGAP team member presented at National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA) Annual Financial Research Administration Conference on Global Fellowship experience at the University of Melbourne, Australia.

• IGAP team member selected to NCURA Select Committee of Global Affairs (SCGA) for a 2-year term.

• Facilitated the development of a $750,000 USDA Capacity Building Grant with the TTU School of Veterinary Medicine.

• Hosted a USAID webinar for TTU faculty providing best practices in applying for USAID funding.

• Updated TTU’s digital signature protocols to more easily and efficiently coordinate with international partners.
“Foreign Perception of the US in the post COVID World: What is reality? What is myth? And does it matter?”

On March 2, 2021, a panel of four distinguished, high-ranking former U.S. diplomats led our discussion and addressed audience questions and concerns via Zoom about the U.S. and changes in the international arena in light of the global COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition to the public panel discussion, the Ambassadors met virtually with about 200 local high school students and held dedicated virtual sessions with more than 300 local residents and Texas Tech faculty, staff, and students answering questions and sharing insights and insider knowledge of the effects of these very different and challenging times on relationships, economies, food security, and other social interactions.
FROM HERE, IT'S POSSIBLE.
Mandela Fellowship Program

A cohort of 30 young African leaders participated in the virtual Public Management track of the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders (YALI) Leadership Institute at Texas Tech University. The six-week fellowship focused on leadership and advocacy modules and provided opportunities for networking between fellows and university and municipal community leaders. This was Texas Tech’s third year as host institution, one of 26 institutes selected across the U.S. In order to comply with the new virtual model, the TTU Mandela Admin team learned new skills in order to provide for the Fellows a variety of virtual events designed to give them an experience as close as possible to the in-person institute. These activities included leadership training, academic sessions with subsequent discussion sessions, virtual community service events, and cultural connections, all designed to help Fellows gain a better understanding of life and leadership in West Texas. The virtual model also required the team to learn a variety of new skills including action filming, live streaming, Zoom breakout rooms and poll management, basic video editing, and video hosting.

The United States Department of State funds the Mandela Washington Fellowship, a flagship program of the Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI) that empowers young people through academic coursework, leadership training, and networking. Since 2014, the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders (YALI) has provided leadership opportunities for over 4,400 participants from Sub-Saharan Africa.

The Fellows, who are between the ages of 25 and 35, have established records of accomplishment in promoting innovation and positive impact in their organizations, institutions, and countries.

Visit: yali.state.gov/mwf/
Texas Tech’s Costa Rica campus, in the middle of its fourth year of offering classes, continues to hit new milestones.

The most important milestone is our first graduate, from December 2021. Steven Burns was a math major with a minor in Technical Communication who arrived at TTU-CR as a transfer student in 2018. He’s now a shining example of the cooperation between Costa Rica and Lubbock campuses.

Most of Steven’s classes were in-person offered in CR, but he also took several distance courses with Lubbock-based students and professors. After traveling to the main campus for Commencement, he observed, “All my experiences that involved Lubbock in any way were extremely positive.”

TTU Costa Rica Initiatives

- Supported the Whitacre College of Engineering’s global education requirement by welcoming 19 Whitacre students from Lubbock for 6- or 10-week summer programs.
- Hosted Lubbock-based graduate and undergraduate students in Sustainable Energy and Architecture.
- Provided the venue for a nationally televised debate among Costa Rican presidential candidates in November.
- Sent 15 interns from the College of Human Sciences to work in local businesses as required by the RHIM and Retail Management programs.
- Completed a state-of-the-art Advanced Manufacturing Lab for industrial engineering students. The lab includes a computer numerical control (CNC) milling machine, 2 manual mills, 2 machine lathes, a vertical bandsaw, and SLA and FDM 3-D printers, and other resources. This teaching facility is the top-of-the-line in Costa Rica.
- Perhaps most satisfying achievement was bringing our students back to campus after months of learning from home. Starting in January, students came for labs and seminars. Since then, most classes have taken place on campus.
International Week, October 10-16, 2021

Celebrated in more than 100 countries worldwide, International Week showcases TTU’s commitment to the many, diverse cultures that make up our campus and offers many opportunities for greater global literacy.

For 2021, the Office of International Affairs was delighted to host several events including opportunities to learn international dances, contribute recipes to a new international cookbook, and experience the richness of our shared world.
Culture Fest
For 2021, the Office of International Affairs hosted several events at the International Cultural Center. Students showcased traditional foods, dance, handicrafts, and games traditional to their countries and cultures for the campus and greater West Texas communities.
Open House

The Office of International Affairs invited Texas Tech Faculty and Staff to their annual Open House featuring international foods from nine local restaurants. A total of 200 faculty and staff members attended the Open House.
Think Global, Think Texas Tech
Panel Discussion and Art Exhibit

The leadership for TTU’s international sites in Sevilla, Spain, Costa Rica, and the TTU K-12 online learning opportunities gathered via Zoom to share current offerings and examine new exciting ideas for faculty and students. Following the panel discussion, all guests were invited to view the new exhibit featuring TTU programs in Spain, Costa Rica, Brazil and Haiti.
IMMIGRATION SERVICES & SUPPORT

Additional to Student Immigration Counseling

- **J-1 Scholars** 68
- **J-1 Student Interns** 26
- **J-1 Short Term Scholars** 5
- **OPT Students** 440
- **STEM OPT Students** 305
- **CPT Students** 160
- **H-1B Employees** 127
- **PR Petitioners** 51

**ISSS Highlights**

- Provided Immigration and counseling services for over 6,000 one-on-one appointments with international students and scholars.

- Submitted the annual report to the Department of State and successfully applied for the biennial re-designation of TTU's F-1 program with the Department of Homeland Security.

**Passport Office**

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CPT - Curriculum Practical Training | OPT - Optional Practical Training | PR - Permanent Resident
SUPPORTING INTERNATIONAL STUDENT LIFE

- Hosted 40 events, including 31 brand new events due to the pandemic changing the way we served students
- Established new events in partnership with the University Rec Center, Tech Ballroom, Red2Black Peer Financial Coaching, Hospitality Services and several international student organizations
- Created social media engagement activities with our Winter Break Activity Bingo and Summer Photo Challenges
- In partnership with the community, we facilitated a Homemade meal program and food pantry that operated for over 5 months while campus resources were shuttered due to the pandemic
- Global Guides are current international students who connect with incoming students to help them successfully transition to TTU during their first year on campus. From student orientation, Welcome Week, to tailgating, Global Guides help keep students engaged and up to date on campus resources
Summer Programs are Back in Sevilla!

After a long pause due to COVID, The TTU Center in Sevilla was excited to welcome students once again to Spain. The Center hosted three faculty-led programs during Summer I: Spanish, Engineering and Sociology. Apart from their daily classes, students had a wide number of different excursions and cultural activities that provided a unique opportunity to gain a truly immersive experience and a deeper understanding of the Spanish culture. The groups also enjoyed program-specific activities related to their fields. Sociology welcomed some guest speakers, who provided expert insight in areas ranging from the Spanish judicial system to the Basque conflict. The Engineering group visited the Port of Sevilla, the only inland port in the country, a winery in Bollullos, and a fantastic talk by a representative from NASA.

The Spanish students met with conversation partners outside of class to practice Spanish. These sessions include activities such as going for a walk in the city, chatting over a coffee, going for tapas or participating in a cultural activity. In class local Language Assistants led small discussion groups in order to improve the students’ communicative skills in Spanish, as well as their grammar and cultural competence. Other visits included the Fine Arts Museum of Sevilla, a tile workshop and other cultural city walks.

Additionally, the Music of Spain class, part of the Engineering program had a lecture about the Sephardic Jewish history of Spain and a tour of the medieval Jewish Quarter, where they were able to tour the old Jewish quarter of the city. They also had an Opera walk, since Sevilla has served as an inspiration for some of the most world-famous operas, such as Carmen, The Barber of Seville, or Don Giovanni.

In short it is safe to say that it has been a memorable semester for everyone full of exciting and unique activities. We hope our students return home with some great memories about their experience in our Center.
STUDY ABROAD BY THE NUMBERS

**Summer 2021**
- 271 students participated in Summer 2021 study abroad programs
- 12 countries/locations represented including: Costa Rica, Cyprus, France, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, South Africa, Spain, United Kingdom and virtual programs
- 100 at the TTU Center in Sevilla, Spain
- 41 students at TTU Costa Rica
- Over 20 faculty leaders
- 104 female, 167 male
- 60 First Generation College students (22%)

**Fall 2021**
- 63 students participated in programs for Fall 2021
- 9 countries/locations represented including: Costa Rica, Cyprus, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, South Korea and Spain
- 30 students at the TTU Center in Sevilla, Spain
- 10 students at TTU Costa Rica
- 6 faculty leaders
- 45 females, 18 males
- 10 First Generation College students (16%)

### College Participation for Summer & Fall Study Abroad Programs

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Study Abroad Key Accomplishments

• 12 TTU students awarded a total of $50,000 in Benjamin A. Gilman scholarships.

• Developed and offered TTU’s first virtual study abroad program in collaboration with the TTU Center in Sevilla and CMLL/Spanish. Course instruction provided by Sevilla Center staff. Program occurred in spring 2021.

• Resumed study abroad programming in summer 2021 with robust student and faculty interest.

• Returned to in-person promotional and recruitment activities including the fall 2021 Study Abroad Fair.

• Refined and executed COVID-specific health and safety protocols to include protocols specific to the TTU Center in Sevilla, Spain. Met or exceeded COVID-19 protocol requirements of TTU as well as the study abroad program host country.
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