



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Office of International Affairs™

OIA at a Glance



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**Recipient of the Paul Simon Comprehensive Internationalization Award (2019)  
and Paul Simon International Spotlight Award (2016).**

## 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.

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### **Center for Global Communications (CGC)**

The Center for Global Communications (CGC) develops and advances educational programming and resources that enhance communication as well as multicultural skills for students to effectively converse in a global context. CGC provides resources for students interested in learning more about global challenges, speaker programs for faculty to raise awareness of global issues, and global challenge teaching modules for faculty.

### **International Center for Arid and 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.

### **International Enrollment (IEO)**

The International Enrollment unit supports the academic pursuits of international undergraduate students by providing expertise in admissions, recruitment, and sponsored student services. This unit recruits both international undergraduate and graduate students, provides admissions processing for international undergraduates, and concierge support services to international sponsored student populations.

### **International Grants Administration and 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.

### **International Relations and 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.

### **International Student Life (ISL)**

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. From airport pick-up to advising the International Student Advisory Board, this office is the go-to place for international students.

### **International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS)**

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. Counselors advise and assist international students and scholars concerning immigration rules, financial concerns, and cross-cultural issues.

### **K-12 Global Education Outreach (K-12 GEO)**

The award winning K-12 GEO unit serves as a liaison for the university to provide cultural enrichment opportunities by offering cultural programming to K-12 students from public, private, and home schools throughout the South Plains.

### **Passport Office**

The Office of International Affairs operates a passport office and can take your passport photos and process your passport application.

### **Study Abroad (SA)**

SA coordinates all study abroad programs for Texas Tech University students, including international internships, service-learning, and research. The Texas Tech Center in Sevilla, Spain, offers students the opportunity to take Texas Tech catalog classes. Students may participate in an intensive Spanish language program (equivalent to four semesters), or take engineering, architecture, or pre-health courses. Students live with host families and are immersed in the language and culture through excursions and day-to-day experiences.

## Points of Pride



### Ambassadors Forum

The annual Ambassador's Forum, which began in 2016, is a collaboration of the American Academy of Diplomacy and TTU Office of International Affairs. It provides the opportunity for the greater Lubbock community to engage in dialogue with a group of distinguished, high-ranking former U.S. diplomats to explore more closely critical foreign policy areas and the role of diplomacy in international relations. The program reaches a wide audience ranging from high school juniors and seniors, TTU students and faculty, and local community members.

### International Exhibits and Events

Each year, the International Cultural Center hosts over 1,100 community events, including internationally themed art exhibits. Collaboration with numerous civic groups and organizations include: LHUCA, Buddy Holly Center, and the Museum of TTU.



### Global Vision Awards

The Global Vision Awards (GVA) are hosted annually to recognize campus and community entities who have demonstrated commitment to the university's international agenda including research, teaching, and outreach.



### Global Guides

The International Global Guides program connects current international TTU students with prospective students to promote, share, and support their efforts to attend the university. Global Guides provide assistance throughout the academic year with student life and retention activities through the International Student Life unit.



### Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders

The Office of International Affairs was selected to host Texas Tech's third Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders. The cohort of 25 Mandela Fellows participates in a variety of classroom sessions, site visits, and community service projects over a six-week leadership institute empowering them with skills they can utilize upon their return to their communities in Africa.

### Cultural Exchange

Cultural Exchange matches international students to local families. The program allows international students the chance to experience American home life, engage with multiple generations, share their culture, and build lasting ties with the broader Lubbock community.



## Did you know...

- ▶ Texas Tech University has students from over 113 countries. Its global footprint continues to expand from year to year- truly making it an international university.
- ▶ Texas Tech sends more than 1,400 students to study abroad each year. Over \$350,000 in Study Abroad Competitive Scholarship (SACS) funding is awarded annually
- ▶ International Week highlights the various services offered by the Office of International Affairs and provides opportunities for cultural exchange. Activities include the OIA Open House, Scholars Reception, and Culture Fest to name a few.
- ▶ In collaboration with the Graduate School, the Office of International Affairs created the Global Bridge Program- a certificate program, which allows international undergraduate students to complete their bachelor's degree, earn a Graduate Certificate, and accelerate their graduate degree program at Texas Tech.
- ▶ The Office of International Affairs promotes the Fulbright program at TTU by organizing workshops, events, alumni receptions and encouraging participation through coordination and mentoring services.



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