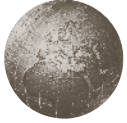




# GLOBAL INITIATIVE

## WHERE IN THE WORLD IS THE UT SYSTEM?



UT System campuses engage in activities that reach around the world: study- and work-abroad opportunities for students; research, teaching, and clinical services opportunities abroad for faculty; and recruitment and hosting of international students, scholars, and visitors on campus.

### Preparing Graduates to Thrive in a Global World

Study-abroad opportunities promote the development of important crosscultural skills by exposing students firsthand to varying cultural attitudes, beliefs, and perceptions.

- UT System campuses offer more than 1,000 study-abroad opportunities.
- Nearly 3,800 students participated in study-abroad programs in AY 2006–2007.
- 58 percent of study-abroad participants take part in programs led by UT faculty.
- Study-abroad participation is most heavily concentrated in Western Europe and Latin America; program options in Asia and the Middle East are being expanded.
- UT Austin ranks third nationally in the number of students who study abroad each year.

Work-abroad programs prepare students for globally-oriented careers. Employers are demanding a high degree of cultural competence from their employees. UT System campuses have responded by developing programs to help prepare students and help industry recruit graduates for globally-oriented employment opportunities.

- Seven academic campuses and four health institutions offer overseas internships or work-abroad programs.
- More than 25 internship and work-abroad programs exist System-wide.
- UT Austin's London Internship Program places students in Fortune 100 companies and both Houses of the British Parliament.

Globalizing themes in the on-campus curricula prepare all graduates to function effectively in a more global world. The on-campus curricula must include a focus on international themes and perspectives.

- All nine of the academic campuses include a global perspective in their on-campus curricula.

- Four of the health campuses offer global health tracks in certain programs or elective courses related to global health.

### Global Engagement of UT System Faculty

Research, teaching, and clinical services abroad are vital to maintaining and enhancing the international reputation of our institutions and our ability to compete internationally for the best students and researchers.

- Faculty at 13 campuses are engaged in individual research abroad.
- Faculty at 12 campuses have entered into formal research partnerships with colleagues at foreign institutions.
- Faculty at 11 campuses are engaged in individual teaching abroad.
- Faculty at four health institutions provide clinical services abroad.
- Faculty global activities are most heavily concentrated in Western Europe, Latin America, and Asia.

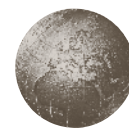
### International Students, Scholars, and Visitors on Campus

Welcoming international students, scholars, and visitors from around the world enriches our campuses and classrooms by bringing different viewpoints, perspectives, and approaches to issues and problems.

- All UT System campuses maintain a designated office for international students and scholars.
- 13 campuses have established programs for hosting international visitors.
- 13 campuses actively recruit international students.
- Mexico is the most heavily targeted country for the recruitment of international students, but students come from more than 120 different countries.
- 20 percent of graduate and professional students on the academic campuses are international students.
- 12 percent of students on the health campuses are international students.

# WHERE WILL THE UT SYSTEM BE?

To foster greater global engagement, UT System institutions have set specific priorities to expand existing global activities, including increasing the number of study-abroad and work-abroad programs and the number of students participating in these programs; enhancing foreign language instruction; expanding faculty exchanges and research partnerships, particularly in Latin America and Asia; and increasing the number of foreign faculty and students who come to study and teach at UT System institutions.



## Adding Value to the Campuses' Global Activities

A fundamental goal of the UT System Global Initiative is to identify and evaluate specific opportunities for the System to add value to campus global activities. From leveraging resources to researching best practices, the System can play a useful role in enhancing the global efforts of the campuses, and the campuses themselves have highlighted key areas for System assistance:

- Identifying funding sources and strategies for expanding study- and work-abroad opportunities.
- Developing a System-wide clearinghouse of information and program contacts to share campus resources and facilitate cross-institution participation in study abroad and other international activities.
- Initiating and implementing System-wide forums and activities on key topics, including building institutional support for international activities; increasing flexible, affordable study-abroad opportunities; globalization of the curriculum; reformulating foreign language study; and the recruitment of international students.

- Assisting with the identification of potential international partners and negotiating alliances.

## Our Goals

Within ten years, the UT System will offer incentives and programs to make certain that any undergraduate, graduate, or professional student at a UT System institution who wishes will have an international study experience. Study- and work-abroad opportunities will be enhanced. There will be substantial increases in collaborative efforts and in the number of foreign faculty and students who come to study and teach at UT System institutions. Curricula and research will be strengthened with additional focus on international issues and perspectives.

These efforts will help ensure the UT System:

- Meets the future needs of Texas's and America's global economic competitiveness and national security.
- Produces more interculturally competent graduates.
- Continues to compete at the highest levels internationally for the best students, researchers, and faculty.

## ENSURING SUCCESS IN THE 21ST CENTURY

International knowledge and skills are imperative for America's future competitiveness. Universities must respond to this reality by better equipping students to live and work in the interconnected world into which they will graduate.

The UT System Strategic Plan 2006–2015 laid the groundwork for a System-wide initiative designed to expand Texas's global competitiveness, extend the global reach of the research and clinical activities of our faculty, increase the number of education- and work-abroad opportunities for our students, and enhance the international reputation and standing of our institutions.



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