

## Welcome by IPP Director



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Director

International Programs and Partnerships has overcome some daunting challenges this year to set a new record for student participation in study abroad programming. The office started the year with four out of five positions being held by new employees including myself as the new director. I challenged the team to think creatively and to be proactive. At times it felt as if we were running ahead of a tsunami as we created new procedures and accomplished our primary tasks all while learning our new roles within the office and the university. The success of this first year gives all of us a tremendous amount of pride for what we achieved and hope for what we will be able to do this coming year. In addition to study abroad programming we also served the UTRGV community by managing agreements with partner institutions abroad and by administering the J-1 exchange visitor program.

## IPP Services

The mission of International Programs and Partnerships enhances the internationalization of the UTRGV community.

### STUDY ABROAD

UTRGV students enroll in Vaqueros Study Abroad programs led by our own UTRGV faculty. These programs are a few weeks in length and offer students the chance to experience a new culture with the close support of fellow UTRGV students and a faculty member. Through exchange agreements with partner institutions abroad UTRGV students also enroll directly in courses at a university abroad for a semester or longer. Finally, UTRGV students can also attend study abroad programs managed by third-party entities.

### AGREEMENTS OF COOPERATION

Schools and Departments conducting research or academic exchanges with institutions abroad rely on International Programs and Partnerships to provide support and guidance on the establishment of Agreements of Cooperation. We have the experience and knowledge to complete this legal process in compliance with established institutional norms.

### VISITING SCHOLARS

International Programs and Partnerships provides US immigration leadership for obtaining J1 visas for international scholars conducting research with Schools and Departments at UTRGV. We also facilitate the integration of these scholars into the campus community through logistics support and event planning.

## IPP Vision

The vision of International Programs and Partnerships is to serve the UTRGV community in its internationalization efforts through developing exchanges with partner institutions overseas. We create high-impact learning opportunities abroad for UTRGV students and faculty. We also serve visiting scholars and researchers by providing assistance for immigration and integration into the campus community.



## UTRGV Hosting Colleges



## IPP Team Achievements

### Awarded

**\$87,308**  
IEF Scholarship



**\$142,000**  
IWB Scholarship



### Received

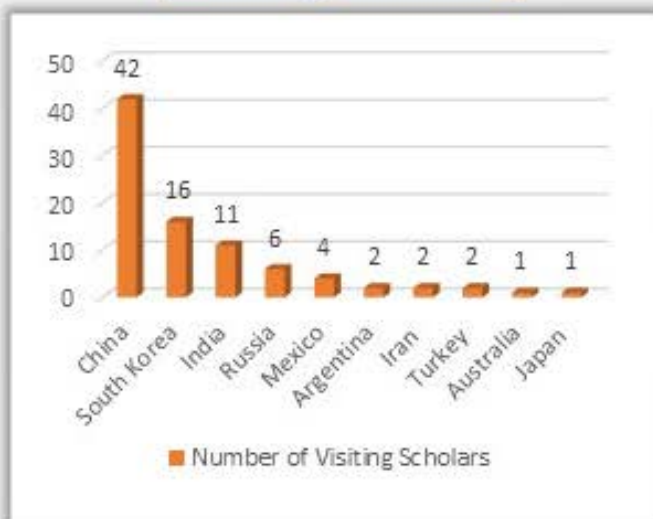
**\$41,000**  
Gilman Int. Scholarship



## Study Abroad 2017



## Visiting Scholars



## MOU's Fall 2016-Spring 2017

- 1) Affiliation Agreement-Rajabhat Maha Sarakham University (Thailand), Signed 10/21/2016 exp. 2019
- 2) Agreement of Cooperation-Universidad Autonoma de Baja California (Mexico), Signed 11/08/2016, exp. 2019
- 3) Agreement of Cooperation-CIDESI (Mexico), signed 11/10/2016 exp. 2019
- 4) Agreement of Cooperation-Sahmyook University (South Korea), signed 2/05/2017 exp. 2020
- 5) Agreement of Cooperation-Hunan First Normal University (China), signed 5/1/2017 exp. 2020
- 6) Program Agreement-Soonchunhyang University (South Korea), signed 5/13/2017 exp. 2020
- 7) Agreement of Cooperation from Shandong Jianzhu University (China), Signed 4/26/2017 exp. 2020



## WE WILL STUDY ABROAD

