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## STUDY ABROAD: The World is Waiting

**S**tudying abroad is for everyone. No one should miss out on the exciting opportunities to study abroad while in college. Every year, students at The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley overcome financial, family and institutional barriers to achieve their dream to journey abroad and discover the world.

student outcomes such as grade point average, degree completion, and employment,” said

Alan B. Earhart, director of International Programs and Partnerships at UTRGV.

“The job market for graduates is always competitive and a meaningful study abroad experience will separate you from other candidates.”

### HOW ARE YOU GOING TO PAY FOR IT?

Start **saving now** for your study abroad destination. **UTRGV also offers scholarships and financial aid opportunities** for those planning to broaden their horizons.

Contact UTRGV's Office of Financial Aid at **956-665-2501** or visit **utrgv.edu/financialaid** to learn more.

Having a degree in business administration will get the interview, but speaking about meetings you had

with executives at top companies in

South Korea and Japan will get you the job, said Earhart. In a globalized world, employers are looking for individuals with international experiences.

According to Earhart, a total of 225 UTRGV students participated in the short-term and semester-long programs in the 2016-17 academic year. Some of the destinations included China, Germany, Peru, Mexico, and United Kingdom.

Studying abroad is a **high-impact learning experience** that will force you to change the way you think about the world. You will be **immersed in a new culture** and will visit the sites that you are reading about in your coursework.

The UTRGV Office of International Programs and Partnerships is committed to creating powerful academic experiences abroad that are affordable. Our faculty-led programs are perfect for many students because they are inexpensive, last just a few weeks, and offer credits that can count toward your degree plan.

“Studies have shown a positive correlation between study abroad participation and

To learn more, visit [www.utrgv.edu/ipp](http://www.utrgv.edu/ipp).

## STUDY ABROAD BY THE NUMBERS

Number of Participants: **225**

Number of Faculty Leaders: **20**

Courses Delivered: **28**

Average Length of Programs:  
Minimester: 2 weeks;  
Summer Programs: 5 weeks each

Total Number of Places Visited: **12**

Mexico  
Peru  
Puerto Rico  
Ireland  
England  
Germany

Italy  
Spain  
France  
China  
South Korea  
Japan

Total Number of Internal Scholarships Distributed  
**\$304,800**

Gilman Scholarships and Average Award Amount:  
**\$41,000** (avg. \$3,400 per student)

Average Award Amount of Internal Scholarships  
**\$1,360** (per student)

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The **UTRGV Street Team** visited with students at **James Pace Early College High School** in **Brownsville** to talk about UTRGV and learn more about its **School of Earth, Environmental, and Marine Sciences**. Thanks to JPECHS for staying connected with Vaquero Connection.



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