2019 was a year where we both celebrated and renewed the commitment of our University’s tri-fold land-grant mission of access to highest quality education for the 21st century, research and innovation that is changing the world.
"Global Nebraska" is comprised of the four administrative offices that work to support campus internationalization, outreach and support under the Associate Vice Chancellor for Global Affairs. We work hand-in-hand with campus partners, academic units and research centers across the university to amplify the message of global engagement across UNL, Nebraska and the world.

Dear Global Nebraska Community:

Looking back on 2019 and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln’s 150th year, we have much to be thankful for and much to look forward to. It’s amazing to think back to 1869 and imagine what our founders envisioned at the university’s inception. I believe they would be tremendously proud of the global campus we have become today, with partnerships around the world and more than 3,000 international students and scholars who call Nebraska home. These Huskers represent over 130 countries, adding a wealth of diversity, perspective and learning to our campus, and an indelible impact on our community and world.

At Nebraska, we value diversity, hard work, and partnership with those around us. In 2019, we built on our close partnership with the State of Nebraska to expand UNL’s global reach and impact. We joined Governor Ricketts’ trade delegations to visit Husker alumni all over the world and tell the story of UNL’s role in building international partnerships that benefit our state. We’ve also highlighted the positive economic impacts our international students have on Nebraska. In 2019, international students contributed more than $41 billion to the U.S. economy, and more than $177 million to the Nebraska economy. These figures are significant, but they are only part of the story of how international students and our global engagement positively impacts our state and world.

I hope this inaugural annual report will clearly demonstrate the tremendous reach and impact that UNL’s global engagement has on our state, nation, and world. From our faculty who partner internationally with their counterparts to enrich the lives of children in developing nations; to young leaders from around the world who come to Nebraska for leadership training from our experts; to UNL researchers conducting transformative studies on issues of water, climate and food security—the University of Nebraska-Lincoln is positively influencing the world while remaining true to our mission of education, research and engagement.

In the 2019 N150 State of the University address, Chancellor Ronnie Green charged us to expand our work as a world-leading, 21st Century, land-grant university. As we reflect upon our successes in 2019 and prepare to address current global issues, I am confident we are well on our way and look forward to what we can accomplish going forward.

Josh Davis, J.D.
Associate Vice Chancellor for Global Affairs & Senior International Officer
University of Nebraska–Lincoln
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The University of Nebraska-Lincoln has a long tradition of global engagement.

- **1869**: The University of Nebraska charter is written, which includes a position specifically for a Chair of International Law.
- **1901**: Two international students, from Japan and Turkey, are enrolled at UNL.
- **1915**: Nebraska Governor selects UNL entomology professor Lawrence Bruner as state representative at the Panama-Pacific Exposition.
- **1944**: International House opens for international student to adjust to U.S. life by living with domestic students.
- **1963**: First International Student Week hosted.
- **1975**: UNL hosts Jornadas Mexicanas, a festival of art, literature and lectures celebrating Mexican culture organized by the Republic of Mexico for the U.S. bicentennial.
- **1980**: The International Student Organization is formed for the University’s 1,000 international students.
- **1984**: Office of International Affairs is established.
- **2012**: Senior International Officer position created.
- **2015**: UNL surpasses 2,500 international students enrolled.
- **2019**: UNL joins the American Council on Education Internationalization Laboratory to write the university’s first global engagement strategy.

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### Global Engagement at Nebraska

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**Additional Data**

- 100 Partnerships with Institutions in 37 Countries
- 738 International Student Scholarships Supported
- $319M Total Research Expenditures in FY2019
- 400+ Faculty Conducting Research Around the World
- 39 National Student Awards Earned in 2019
  - 7 Fulbright Awards
  - 1 Truman Scholar
  - 1 Boren Scholarship
  - 3 Goldwater Scholars
  - 22 Gilman Scholarships
  - 5 Critical Language Scholarships

*Data represents the 2018-2019 academic year*
2019 was a landmark year in preparing the next generation of world leaders with one of the University of Nebraska–Lincoln’s strongest academic freshman classes in history, unique opportunities to engage experts around the world, and an added emphasis on innovative models of student education.

Public Conference Offers Lessons from International Trade Experts
Students sat down with experts to discuss international trade during the October conference hosted by the Clayton Yeutter Institute of International Trade and Finance. International trade partnerships and making trade relatable to the public through activities like the “Trade Matters” podcast dominated the discussion. Experts including former Chief Agricultural Negotiator Darci Vetter also gave advice to students on what younger generations can do to improve global trade.

Nebraska Aims to be a Global Leader in Virtual Exchange
After a successful virtual exchange initiative supported by a prestigious grant from the Aspen Institute’s Stevens Initiative, the Office of Global Strategies extended internal funding through the Global Virtual Classrooms (GVC) Project in 2019. The GVC project is expected to reach more than 400 students between 2019 and 2020. Six faculty projects were chosen for the inaugural round, increasing the academic and geographic scope to connect UNL students with peers throughout the Middle East, Asia and Europe, in topics ranging from education, journalism, sociology, tourism and intercultural communication.

Transformative Emerging Media Arts Program Opens
Opened in fall 2019, Nebraska welcomed “creative builders” to the new Johnny Carson Center for Emerging Media Arts. Named after iconic talk show host and UNL alumnus Johnny Carson, the Center was the first Big Ten program to be named a Hewlett Packard/Educause Campus of the Future. The Carson Center provides access to the latest high-tech equipment for students pursuing augmented reality, immersive media and more—to create transformative leaders who thrive in a diverse, global world.
Leading the way to connect international and domestic students

As UNL’s International Student and Scholar Office (ISSO) continued to expand its mission to provide expert immigration services and educational programming, two new International Student Success Navigator (ISSN) positions were created in 2019. Now a team of four, the ISSNs have re-invigorated and increased support for international students by developing cultural, social and academic integration through events and programming.

During fall 2019, ISSO engaged more than 1,000 international students and scholars through on-campus and off-campus professional and community events. During the University’s annual International Education Week in November, ISSO staff collaborated with campus partners to host a week of events, including the new Global Huskers Festival. The Festival was a hit in its first year, with more than 500 guests attending and learning about the food, fashion and culture of international students who presented.

In 2019, ISSO also hired 18 domestic and international students as Global Peer Mentors to provide peer-to-peer connections with new international students during their first semester at UNL.

“My favorite part of being a Global Peer Mentor is how I am actually able to play a small role in helping incoming international students enjoy their time here at UNL,” said Alden Ching, an international student at UNL, “at UNL,” said Alden Ching, an international student at UNL. “The first annual Global Huskers Festival hosted during International Education Week celebrations in November. The event attracted more than 500 UNL and community visitors.

“The events ISSO hosts have impacted the UNL community and international students by giving a chance to learn directly from students about their cultures, find common values, but also learn about the diversity represented here on our campus. This is important to the formation of students in valuing the unique viewpoints other cultures can give,” Whitmore said.

As ISSO’s Director Karen Cagley said, “Our team is excited to continue building more cultural and professional development activities that support campus diversity and inclusion. The hallmark of our work is to support UNL’s international scholars and students, and we look forward to working with campus and community partners in the future to enrich the experience of all at UNL.”

To learn more about the work of the ISSO office, visit https://isso.unl.edu.

UNL recognized for commitment to education abroad scholarship support and success

Studying abroad can be a life-changing and powerful professional development experience for students. The University’s Education Abroad Office works hard to ensure its students have financial access to such opportunities by supporting applications to prestigious funding opportunities like the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship.

“It’s really important that you’re not stuck to one particular area. [Studying abroad] just gives you a chance to experience the world.”

-Luis Martinez, Spring 2019 Gilman Scholar and Nebraska art alumnus

In March 2019, the U.S. Department of State recognized the University of Nebraska-Lincoln as a Greatest Growth Institution for Gilman Scholarship recipients in two categories: large institutions and first-generation college students. The announcement followed a record-setting award year in 2017-18, with 34 Gilman scholarships awarded to UNL. Nebraska Congressman Jeff Fortenberry applauded the success of UNL’s Gilman recipients at an April event on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. hosted by the Institute of International Education.

The Gilman Scholarship Program supports underrepresented undergraduates who might not otherwise participate due to financial constraints, encouraging them to study and intern in a diverse array of countries and languages. Gilman scholars must be Pell Grant-eligible, and can receive up to $5,000 to apply toward program costs, plus an additional $3,000 to study a critical language.

“Receiving the Gilman Scholarship showed me that I should not count myself out of opportunities, and to believe in myself.” Brighid Welchans said. Welchans, a senior environmental studies major, studied abroad at James Cook University in Townsville, Australia during the fall 2019 semester. “The Gilman Scholarship was inherent to my studying abroad, and I am forever grateful for the experience I had at JCU.”

UNL’s Education Abroad Office, working in partnership with the Office of Fellowships, offers a wide range of resources for the Gilman Scholarship for interested students, including information sessions, writing workshops and outreach to approved faculty-led programs. The Gilman Scholarship has long been a key part of UNL’s strategy to promote education abroad to students with financial need, in addition to recently added institutional scholarships and payment deferment plans. As of December 2019, more than 380 UNL students had received a Gilman award to study in 42 countries.

Learn more about Education Abroad’s programs and opportunities at https://educationabroad.unl.edu.
Nebraska partners with hundreds of universities, federal agencies and private foundations to enrich our student population, impact global research efforts, and connect our partners with world-class leadership and scholarship at UNL. 2019 marked the expansion of many partnerships, as well as the beginning of new programs.

Nebraska Expands Middle East & North Africa Partnerships
The Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region has been a key area of focus for Nebraska, including a decade-long partnership with the Omani Ministry of Higher Education. Through this partnership, the Omani Government has entrusted UNL with the education of over 200 Omani students, preparing them to fulfill growing industry demands. In October, University staff traveled to Egypt and Oman to visit partner organizations, engage with new and prospective students, and reunite with alumni. UNL is excited to strengthen partnerships in Egypt with continued exchange students hosted through AMIDEAST (funded by USAID’s Higher Education Initiative), and plans for a series of webinars on public research institutions with EducationUSA Egypt.

UNL Partners with the Asia Foundation
Nebraska is proud to be seen as a resource for leadership development, and to partner with development organizations like the Asia Foundation on global leadership exchanges. In June 2019, the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources hosted the inaugural cohort of the Young Asian Diplomats Program after their coursework and leadership training in the Washington, D.C. area. The 13 early-career diplomats, who came from 13 countries across Asia, toured Nebraska and met with university and community leaders from the Yeutter Institute of International and Finance, Nebraska’s Secretary of State Office, and local startups and farms.

International Research Partnership Aims to Solve Water Security Issues
United by the global importance of water for human development, the Indian government and the University of Nebraska Robert B. Daugherty Water for Food Institute have partnered on the Water Advanced Research and Innovation (WARI) Fellowship Program. The WARI Program is transformative for students and scientists to pursue research and water-related careers while gaining exposure to world-class facilities at UNL. In 2019, eight Indian faculty and Ph.D. students were welcomed to Nebraska as the fourth cohort to conduct fellowships and internships in fields ranging from drought mitigation to biological systems and civil engineering.

At the first annual Global Huskers Festival, hosted in November 2019 during International Education Week, students, faculty, staff, and community representatives had a chance to learn about global cultures around the world.
UNL’s Friends of Nebraska alumni network joins forces with Governor’s trade missions around the world

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln network extends across the world, with more than 200,000 living alumni in the Husker family. During the fall of 2019, UNL hosted three “Friends of Nebraska and Alumni” receptions in Japan, Vietnam and Germany. The events were hosted in conjunction with Governor Pete Ricketts’ trade missions to each country and connected more than 175 Nebraska alumni and state supporters.

On September 6, UNL’s Associate Vice Chancellor for Global Affairs Josh Davis hosted the first “Friends of Nebraska and Alumni” reception in Hanoi, Vietnam with alumni from across the University of Nebraska system— including former UNL lecturers and future Fulbright scholars. “Friends of Nebraska” is a joint collaboration between UNL and the Nebraska Department of Economic Development to reconnect with alumni, business partners and other supporters of Nebraska abroad to build a mutually beneficial network around the world.

“We really appreciate the University being a part of this [trade mission],” Governor Ricketts said to alumni during the Vietnam reception. “It really is important that we make these connections because you are great ambassadors… to tell the Nebraska story.”

While in Vietnam, UNL senior administration, faculty and staff joined the delegation for multiple government meetings where Vietnamese officials expressed an interest to further collaborate with Nebraska in agriculture, investment and higher education. The delegation was also joined for part of the day by Ambassador to Vietnam and Nebraska native, Daniel Kritenbrink.

During the Japanese leg of the trade mission, UNL representatives attended the Midwest U.S.-Japan Association Conference in Tokyo, where Governor Ricketts noted the university has played an important role in previous conferences and expanding cultural exchange. On September 9, UNL celebrated those relationships with more than 90 alumni, friends and trade delegation members. Some guests in attendance were proud to be exchange students at UNL over 30 years ago. Chancellor Ronnie Green also joined the final 2019 trade mission to Germany in November where he hosted the current position at the established insurance company, Mutual of Omaha.

Raghav Kidambi (’19), originally from India, expressed similar sentiments of benefiting from Nebraska’s culture and healthy business environment. Kidambi highlighted his Rural Futures Institute internship at the Seward County Chamber of Commerce, where he learned about “true development.”

In her remarks, Aakriti Agrawal (’16) highlighted her leadership roles with New Student Enrollment and serving an ASUN student government. Also from India, Agrawal works as a governance analyst for American Life Insurance and co-founder of the nonprofit Girls Code Lincoln.

Domestic alumni Lizz Whittacre and Allison Black also highlighted the value of the university’s global education. Whittacre (’18), CEO and founder of global startup Pawlytics, said the education and financial support from the UNL Center for Entrepreneurship and Nebraska Department of Economic Development were instrumental to her company’s success. Black (’19) also shared how UNL study abroad programs and courses led to her Fulbright Award.

In closing the Council, Governor Ricketts acknowledged the importance of the University’s international efforts impacting various aspects of Nebraska’s economy.

Chancellor Ronnie Green delivers opening remarks at the Governor’s Council for International Relations meeting hosted at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln.

Governor’s Council for International Relations highlights University’s global and local Impact

In April, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln hosted Governor Pete Ricketts’ Council for International Relations, where Nebraska students and alumni spoke to the Council on their multinational journey to Lincoln and global experiences. The Council fosters an ongoing conversation on international activities and opportunities for the state of Nebraska, and includes representatives from the business, agriculture and education sectors.

“Nebraska’s institutions of higher education drive innovation through cutting-edge research and help to position our state in the global economy,” Chancellor Green said during his opening remarks. “The University [also] supports economic growth by attracting talent to Nebraska, not only from around the U.S., but from around the world, and by preparing our students to compete in a global economy.”

During the Council, international and domestic alumni shared what attracted them to UNL for their studies and how they’ve been able to contribute to the local and global economy as young professionals. For Nurik Makhmudzoda (’18) of Tajikistan, he stayed in Nebraska not only because of the high value of a UNL education, but also because of the inspiring people. Through his network, Makhmudzoda contributed to Nebraska startup Spreetail, as well as his

According to NAFSA’s 2018-19 data, international students across the U.S. contributed $41 billion to the economy.

IN NEBRASKA:
• 5,600 international students support 1,739 jobs
• $177.5M financial contributions

UNL COMPRISES:
• 61% of supported jobs
• 67% of supported financial contributions
• 3,100 international students and scholars

Participants from the Friends and Alumni Reception in Berlin, Germany—stand with the N150 flag in honor of UNL’s 150th anniversary.
A key element of UNL’s tri-partite institutional mission is research that impacts the world. Explore some of the highlights from 2019 of faculty projects making a difference on a local and global scale.

Nebraska-Brazil Early Childhood Partnership Continues to Thrive
Since 2016, the Nebraska-Brazil Early Childhood Partnership has brought together interdisciplinary researchers from both countries to find solutions to complex early childhood challenges. In June 2019, Nebraska researchers visited Brazil to present key findings on initial projects, including strengthening preschool science education, developing a screening tool to identify developmental delays, and building a framework to support caregivers of children affected by the Zika virus. The teams have discovered several takeaways to positively impact the lives of children, youth and families in both parts of the world.

Hoff Earns New Grant for Ancient Archaeological Research in Turkey
Since 2005, Nebraska art history professor Michael Hoff has been unearthing history in Antiochia ad Cragum, Turkey. From rare humorous mosaics to 3,000 buried coins and human skeletons, Hoff’s archeological research has led to extraordinary discoveries. In October 2019, Hoff and his research team received an additional $200,000, four-year grant from the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Embassy in Ankara to continue his research and protect the area’s ancient cultural heritage.

Vu Continues Breakthrough Research on Swine Vaccines
After growing up in Vietnam and helping with his family’s swine farm, animal science professor and virologist Hiep Vu earned his master’s and Ph.D. degrees at UNL. In 2015, he earned the University of Nebraska’s NUTECH Ventures “Breakthrough Innovation of the Year” after his team developed a method for a porcine reproductive and respiratory virus (PRRSV) vaccine capable of broad protection. In 2019, Vu also began to research a vaccine for African swine fever as the disease threatened to kill a quarter of the world’s swine population, leading to a new partnership between Nebraska and Vu’s alma mater, Nong Lam University, in Vietnam.
Nebraska’s engagement in Africa continues to expand

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln is committed to building deep, long-term relationships with partners around the world, and has found unique opportunities to work with a number of special partners across Africa. 2019 was a landmark year for three key initiatives between Nebraska and partners across the continent.

UNL celebrated its third consecutive year of hosting the prestigious Mandela Washington Fellowship in 2019. The Fellowship is the U.S. Department of State’s flagship program of the Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI). Since 2014, the Fellowship has empowered more than 4,000 young African leaders through coursework, leadership training, professional opportunities and community engagement. Recent Fellowship highlights from the six-week summer Institute include: a meeting with Nebraska’s Lieutenant Governor Mike Foley; a tour of Firespring, Nebraska’s first Certified B Corporation; celebrating Nelson Mandela Day with a campus tree planting; and serving the Lincoln community through civic engagement efforts at Matt Talbot Kitchen and People’s City Mission.

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In addition to CASNR’s CUSP program, Nebraska also works hand-in-hand with Rwandan educators to help prepare young leaders in-country through its advisory role with the Rwanda Institute for Conservation Agriculture (RICA). In addition, the group also met with several local businesses and nonprofit organizations, experienced local Nebraska culture, and hosted a community reception called, “An Evening in Pakistan.”

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Nebraska has also extensively developed its own programs in Africa, including diverse engagement in Rwanda. Through an innovative partnership between a private foundation, the Rwandan Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources, and the UNL College of Agricultural Science and Natural Resources (CASNR), nearly 200 students from Rwanda have been selected for a full scholarship to study integrated science at Nebraska. Since 2015, the CASNR Undergraduate Scholars Program (CUSP) has educated these students about conservation agriculture, entrepreneurship and leadership, as well as provide experiential learning in Nebraska and Rwanda. The first cohort of seven Rwandan students graduated in May 2019, excited to return to Rwanda to begin their career—and remembering Nebraska as a second home.

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UNL and Pakistan educational exchange comes full circle

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Nebraska is proud to count the educators as friends of Nebraska and looks forward to welcoming them back to campus in the future. Through English language programs such as this, as well as its participation in the Fulbright English for Graduate Programs and other customized summer programs with secondary schools in Japan, PIELS continues serving its mission of improving English language proficiency with a world-class innovative curriculum.

To learn more about the customized programs PIELS offers, visit http://www.unl.edu/piesl/customized-programs.
As the University of Nebraska-Lincoln looks forward to the next 150 years of becoming a transformative, world-leading public research institution, global engagement and partnerships will continue to be a crucial piece of what defines us.

2020 will not only mark the start of a new decade for UNL, but also a critical launch point with the reveal of the N2025 Strategic Plan and Nebraska’s first global engagement strategy. We are proud of all of our Husker administrators, faculty, staff, students, alumni and partners, and we look forward to continue impacting the world and fulfilling our mission of teaching, research and service.