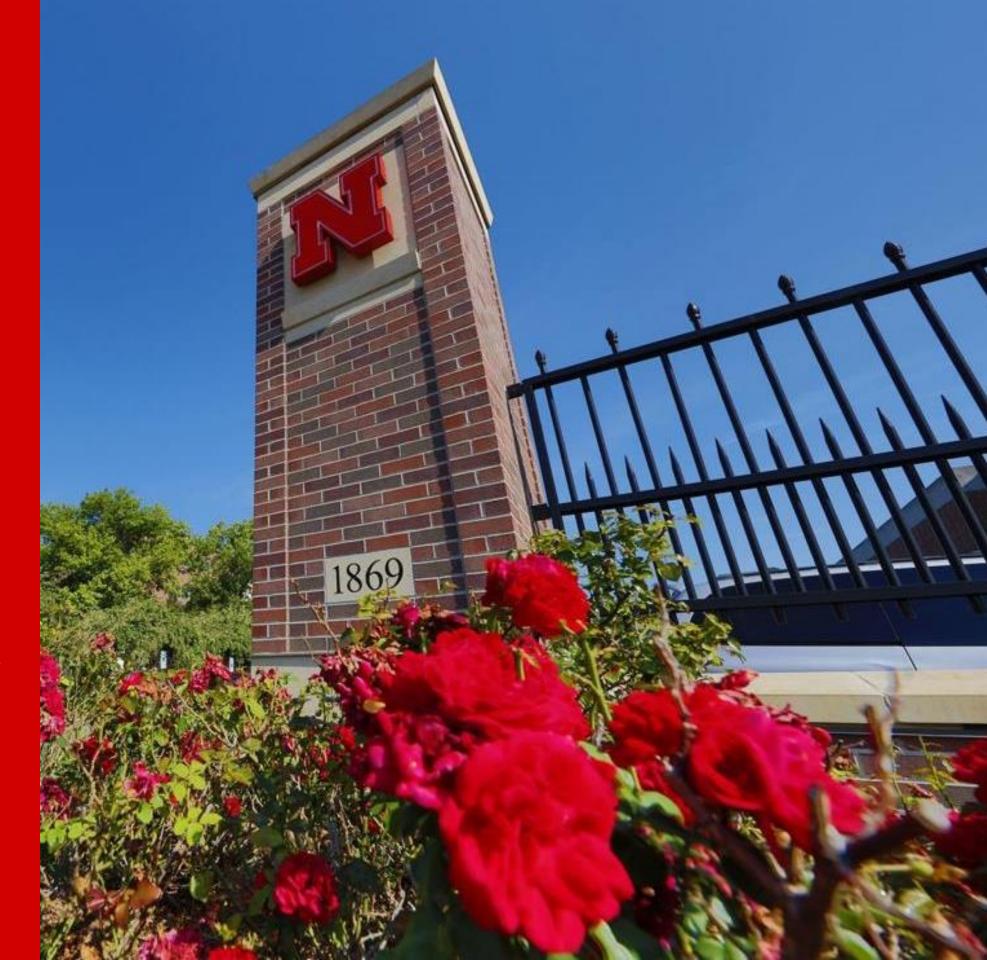
U.S. Institutions' Insights: International Student Partnerships March 19, 2025

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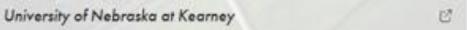


University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) is located in the Midwest region of USA territory



University of Nebraska System





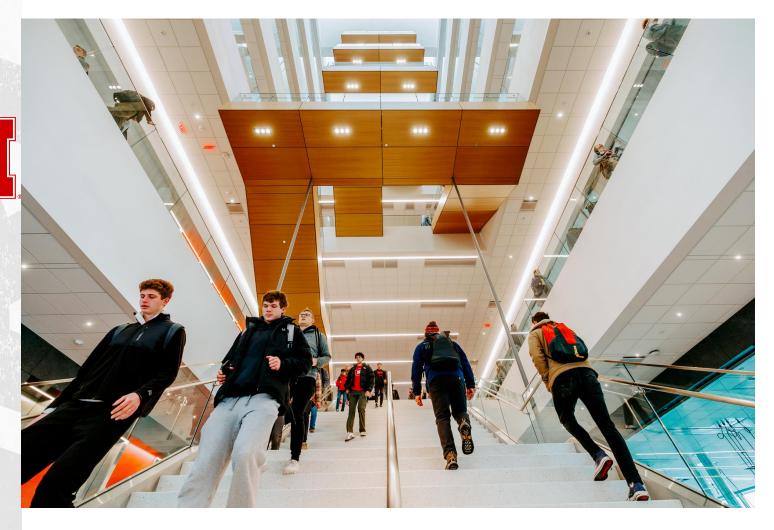






The University of Nebraska System contains four academic units. The University of Nebraska–Lincoln (UNL) chartered on February 15, 1869 is the flagship and landgrant university with a goal to create opportunity for the state of Nebraska with an enrollment of 23,800 students.

Newly built Kiewit Hall (192 Million Project) for classrooms, labs, and learning centers.





International Partnerships

UNL offers a variety of programs through its Global Experiences Office (GEO) to enhance student mobility, including study abroad, internships, research, and service-learning

- UNL's Mid-America Universities International (MAUI)-Utrecht exchange network (most popular) provides access to prestigious European institutions.
- The Utrecht Network is comprised of 31 European universities in 26 countries. The network engages in a wide range of student and faculty mobility programs.

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Austria: University of Graz

Belgium: University of Antwerp

Czechia: Masaryk University

Denmark: Aarhus University

Estonia: University of Tartu

France: University of Strasbourg

France: University of Lille

Greece: Aristotle University of Thessalo

Germany: Ruhr University Bochum

Germany: University of Leipzig

Italy: University of Bologna

Ireland: University College Cork

Latvia: University of Latvia

Lithuania: Vilnius University

Malta: University of Malta

Netherlands: Utrecht School of the Arts

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Norway: University of Bergen

Poland: Jagiellonian University in Krako

Portugal: University of Coimbra

Romania: Alexandru Ioan Cuza University

Slovakia: Comenius University

Slovenia: University of Ljubljana

Spain: University Complutense de Madrid

International Partnerships Continued

- UNL International Partnerships in Finland:
 UNL had an exchange agreement with
 Tampere University of Technology a while ago.
 Re-establishment of exchange articulation is needed (if interested).
- Least international partnerships: Virtual programs or less traditional destinations (e.g., outside Europe)

UNL's Office of Global Partnerships and Initiatives

UNL's Office of Global Partnerships and Initiatives is particularly interested in:

- Reciprocal Exchange Partnerships (e.g., MAUI-Utrecht exchange program).
- Research-Oriented Collaborations: UNL prioritizes partnerships with institutions offering robust research opportunities, especially in STEM, agriculture to advance its research mission
- These align with UNL's "Forward Together: A Global Strategy for UNL" plan, which seeks to expand global education and research impact while maintaining affordability and accessibility for its 23,000 undergraduates

Most popular international opportunities

UNL Offers the following most popular international opportunities:

- Exchange Programs with Strong Academic Peers: leverage highquality education and research at European universities.
- Faculty-Led Programs: Ensure UNL credit transfer and faculty oversight, supporting academic continuity and student success.
- International collaborations through NSF sponsored programs (e.g., International Research Experiences for Students, IRES)

Current Challenges faced by GEO

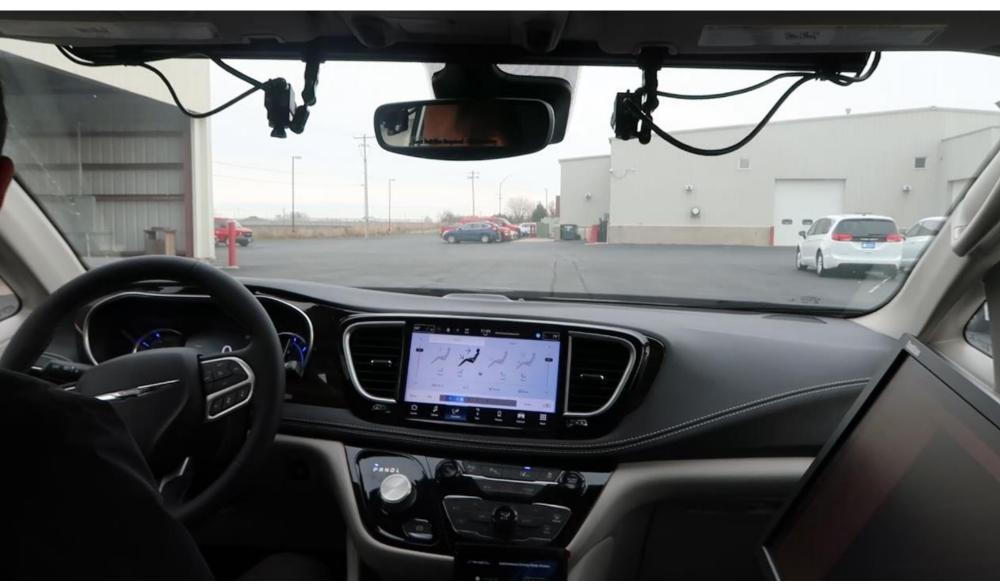
- Funding and Cost: High costs (e.g., living expenses in European country) suggest affordability is a barrier and most challenging for UNL students.
- Program Enrollment and Recruitment: Low enrollment can lead to cancellations of faculty-led programs.
- Risk Management: Global crises (monitored by UNL's international risk team) complicate mobility, requiring waivers for travel warnings.
- Possible solutions:
 - Scholarships or financial supports (e.g., IRES offers stipends and travel support to attend summer courses, Fulbright Graduate Student Awards, etc.)
 - Virtual options (least preferably)

Recommendations to Finnish Universities

- Highlight Affordability: Offer scholarships or emphasize Finland's lower living costs compared to other European destinations.
- Emphasize Unique Strengths: Showcase Finland's excellence in education, technology, and sustainability—fields aligning with UNL's STEM and agriculture focus.
- Partner with UNL: Propose a bilateral exchange or faculty-led program via the Global Experiences Office, offering clear credit transfer processes and English-taught courses to ease academic integration for U.S. students.

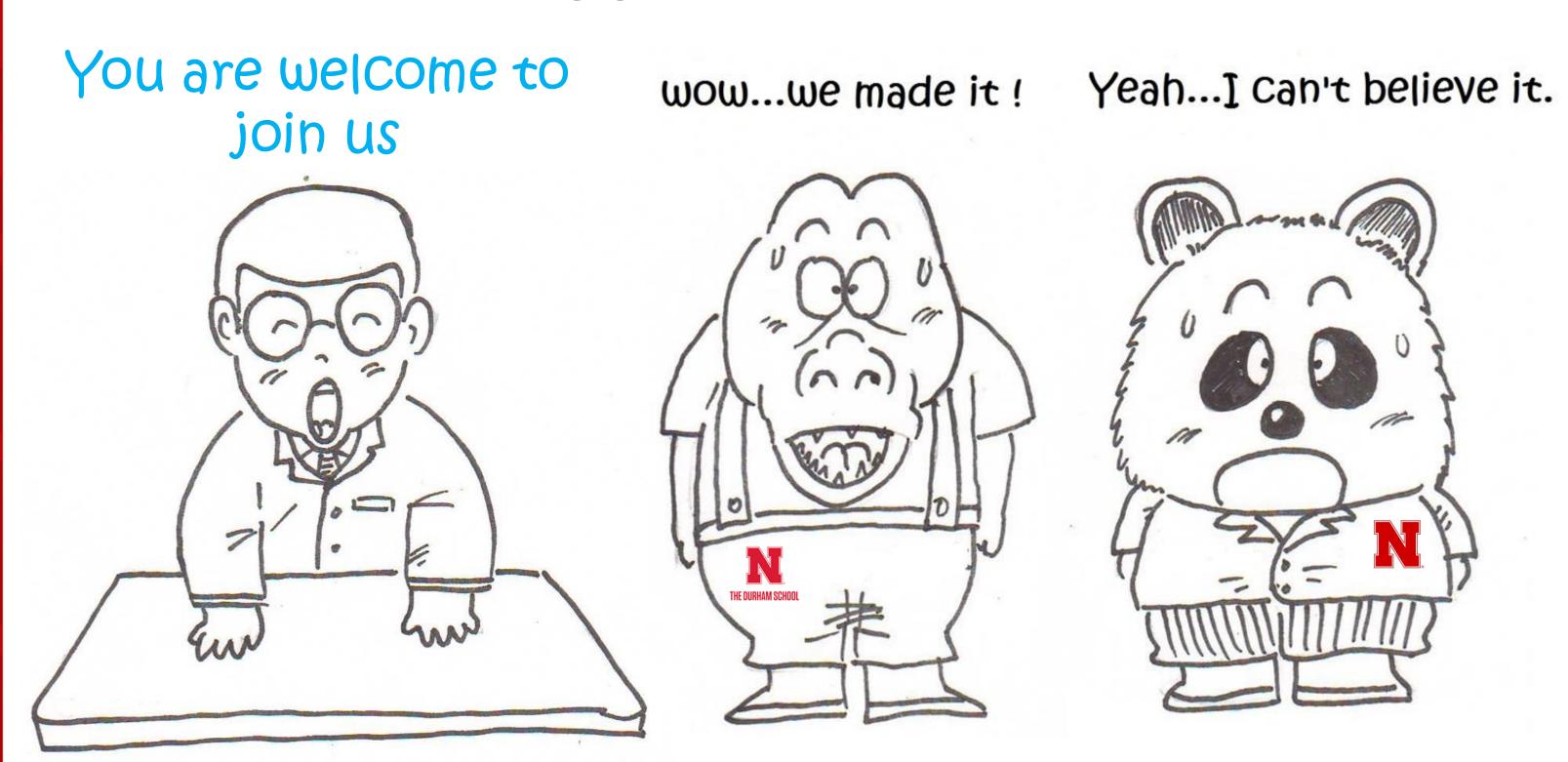
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Is International Exchange/Degree-seeking

Education in the US worth it?



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