

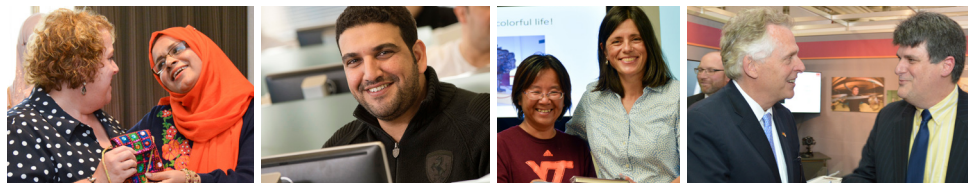


# YOUR GATEWAY TO VIRGINIA TECH

## The Language and Culture Institute connects the university to the world

We advance Virginia Tech's global engagement efforts by facilitating academic linkages across borders, creating strategic international partnerships, attracting the brightest talent from around the world, and creating meaningful programs that expand students' worldviews.

- EDUCATIONAL LINKAGES IN TEACHING, RESEARCH, AND SERVICE
- STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS WITH INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, INDUSTRY, AND NONGOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES
- INTERNATIONAL UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE RECRUITING
- CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS AND LANGUAGE, LEADERSHIP, AND INTERCULTURAL TRAINING
- ADVANTAGE VT PATHWAY PROGRAM AND INTENSIVE ENGLISH PROGRAM



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## International Student Recruitment

Visiting as many as 20 countries a year across four continents, we recruit international students from around the globe into Virginia Tech's degree programs. Over 400 international students a year enter the university as first-year undergraduates, most from countries targeted in these activities. Our staff come in contact with about 8,000 prospective students a year through dozens of university and high school visits, expositions, and fairs.



## International Engagement

International partnerships in research, teaching, and service are integral to Virginia Tech's position as one of the nation's premier global land-grant institutions. The LCI plays a central role in initiating and maintaining such partnerships, sustaining a broad network of international contacts, including funding agencies, scholarship offices, universities, high schools, nongovernmental organizations, and government agencies. We host international dignitaries, arrange foreign missions for Virginia Tech faculty, publicize the faculty's global engagement activities, and promote the university at prominent international events.



## Faculty Professional Enrichment Programs

Through custom-designed workshops and seminars, we help faculty members from higher education institutions around the world enhance their pedagogical skills, strategies, and approaches. Participants explore innovative teaching methodologies while building their academic networks and laying the groundwork for future peer collaborations.



## Leadership Development

We also offer comprehensive leadership development programs designed for higher education administrators – from directors, department heads, and deans, to vice presidents, provosts, and presidents. Our blend of relevant research, experiential learning, and peer mentoring stretches the mind and inspires new, more inclusive leadership approaches.



## Pathways for International Students

Through AdvantageVT, we provide a pathway for international students who want to matriculate to the university. The program combines credit-bearing university coursework with preparatory training in English, academic skills, and university culture. It is designed to jump-start a student's journey toward a bachelor's degree at Virginia Tech. Upon successfully completing the program, students are guaranteed entry to Virginia Tech with advanced standing in their first year.

