International students at colleges and universities contributed an estimated $1.9 billion to the Texas economy in the 2015-16 academic year.

2,023 Texas residents volunteered to host or support ECA exchange participants who visited their community.

82,184 international higher education students studied abroad in Texas during in 2015-16.

498 Texas residents traveled abroad on an ECA-funded cultural or academic exchange program, including 89 Fulbright grantees.


Leading places of origin for international students in Texas in 2015-16


Kay Bailey Hutchinson
U.S. Permanent Representative to NATO, Former Senator for Texas, 1993-2013 (ACYPL to the Soviet Union, 1976)

Robert Brutein

Gregory W. Engle
Former U.S. Ambassador to Togo; Served as U.S. Diplomat-in-Residence at the LBJ School of Public Affairs at UT-Austin (Arts envoy to Swaziland, 2012)

Linda Hamilton

James Arthur Lovell

Diana Natalicio
President of the University of Texas at El Paso (Fulbright Student to Brazil, 1961)