

The Department of Communication provides opportunities for international doctoral students, researchers and junior faculty members to further their academic careers and participate in the intellectual life of the department. These faculty exchanges can be very helpful to increase the research capacity of the department, and to serve as academic bridges for developing long term research and educational ties between Texas A&M and other top research universities.

Our program offers visiting scholars dedicated time to focus on their own research, but also the chance to interact with students and faculty in the Department on projects of mutual benefit.

Please note that the information and requirements listed below only apply to the Visiting Scholar/Researcher title. Visiting Scholars/Researchers do not receive a stipend in their appointment, nor does their appointment imply tenure or continuation at the university.

The first step in being accepted for a visiting scholar appointment is to submit a proposal for an independent research project to a prospective faculty mentor in the Department of Communication. A list of current faculty members, along with information on their research areas, is available here: <http://communication.tamu.edu/html/directory-faculty.html>.

When a faculty member of the department agrees to host and mentor the visiting scholar, that faculty member will provide a recommendation for the appointment of a Visiting Scholar/Researcher. The request for appointment of the Visiting Scholar is sent to the department head and the Internationalization committee for approval.

If the Visiting Scholar/Researcher is from outside the U.S., then the host department must request J-1 visa documentation from the International Faculty and Scholars Services office for the visitor's visa application and entry to the U.S. Please note that privileges, such as ID cards and keys, will not be provided until the Visiting Scholar/Researcher has received final approval from the department, and all required immigration documents.

The faculty member nominating the Visiting Scholar/Researcher will either serve as or designate a mentor for the Visiting Scholar/Researcher during the length of the Visiting Scholar/Researcher's stay. The faculty mentor serves as an academic liaison for the Visiting Scholar/Researcher. Neither the department nor the host faculty member are expected to provide assistance in housing, transportation, or other issues of daily life.

The department hosting the Visiting Scholar will designate a staff contact in the department to facilitate normal activities with the Visiting Scholar and faculty mentor.

Expectations of Visiting Scholar:

The visiting scholar must be available to deliver a research paper to faculty and students of the department during their exchange period. This presentation provides an opportunity for the Visiting Scholar/Researcher to share his/her work with faculty and students in the College as well as across the University. This presentation provides an opportunity for the Visiting Scholar/Researcher to share his/her work with faculty and students in the College as well as across the University.

The visiting scholar is expected to attend all research colloquium by faculty, staff, and visiting scholars during their exchange period. A list of these events is on the departmental calendar and webpage.

The visiting scholar will be available to deliver guest lectures or presentations at undergraduate or graduate courses, if relevant to the scholar's expertise, or provide other assistance to faculty research projects. The visiting scholar will be asked to assist in duties such as this no more than five hours per week.

On occasion, visiting scholars will be expected to contribute to research collaborations with Texas A&M faculty and graduate students. Their participation will be acknowledged in any subsequent research presentations or publications.

The visiting scholar should acknowledge the contribution of Texas A&M faculty and graduate students in any published research that emerges from the exchange visit.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

The Visiting Scholar/Researcher must have an academic degree appropriate to conduct independent research, and be working on independent research that aligns with faculty interest in the department of communication.

Preference will be given to applicants whose research and background complements departmental strengths. We particularly invite applications from faculty at universities that already have strong collaborative ties with our department and university.

All applicants should have excellent English skills by the time of their stay.

For more information, contact Dr. Randy Kluver at rkluver@tamu.edu.

Previous Visiting Scholars:

- Liu Ping, Sept 2008 through Sept 2009, China
- Yan Huan, Nov 2009 through Nov 2010, Northeastern Normal University, China
- Xu Shuhua, Aug 2010 through July 2011, China
- Liu Xinchuan, Nov 2010 through Oct 2011, China
- Gan Xianfeng, July 2011 through Dec 2011, China
- Shiltagh, Ghufraan, Jan 2012 through May 2012, Iraq
- Sifuentes, Lirian, Jan 2013 through Jun 2013, Brazil
- Wang Lei, September 2013 through December 2014, Communication University of China, China