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### International Student Roundtable

The International Student Roundtable discussion was presented on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021. There are two main speakers: a UTA Engineering recruiting officer (Lin Larson) and a UTA international affairs officer (Jay P. Horn). The discussion focusses on the UTA international affairs officer while the UTA Engineering recruiting officer guides the interview. The website for international affairs is [uta.edu/oie](http://uta.edu/oie)

Right off the bat at the beginning of the presentation the UTA international affairs officer starts showing some stats for international enrollment. One of the sets of data show that India and Nepal are the top two countries in UTA. Because of the pandemic, less people from abroad have come to attend UTA. A benefit of the pandemic though is that because everything is online, people have more freedom to delegate their time. The UTA Engineering recruiter and the officer from UTA International affairs go on to mention the benefits of online communication abroad. They are now able to more easily 'go to other countries' by telecommuting there instead of flying.

Because things this semester are online, I have not been to campus too much this year. I learned that most of the international students that I would see would be Indian or from Nepal. I have also learned some of the differences that international students notice when they come to the U.S. for example, Japanese students would go to the rice store for rice, the fish store for fish, and the bread store for bread. Alternatively, the U.S. has one giant store like a Walmart that has everything in one big room.

My future academic goals is to actually be on campus next semester. While I already know all the fellow students, I meet are going to be friendly, it is always good to know more about what others go through. Knowing what international students go through helps me understand their additional difficulties and makes them feel more approachable personally.

