Office of International Programs

2018 Faculty Global Engagement Resources

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Established at UNC Charlotte in 1975, the Office of International Programs (OIP) strives to strengthen international education at the University as well as in the Charlotte community. On campus, OIP seeks to make international understanding and global awareness a fundamental part of the curriculum and an integral part of campus programming. The Faculty Global Engagement Resources booklet is created to overview special aspects of interest to our faculty in support of internationalization initiatives.

Join the Global Partners Google Group

Receive periodic updates from OIP! The Global Partners Google group was created by the OIP to share internationally-related news, updates, and announcements with the UNC Charlotte campus community, our global partners. If you want to join the distribution group, visit the OIP website.

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The Office of International Programs is led by Assistant Provost Joël Gallegos, who provides overall leadership and direction for the office and its constituent units: Office of Education Abroad, International Student and Scholar Office, English Language Training Institute, Office of Intercultural and Educational Experiences, and the Office of Global Education and Engagement. OIP develops, supports, and organizes a wide range of on- and off-campus programming; supports faculty development through various initiatives; guides the development of institutional agreements with foreign universities; and provides leadership and advice to promote campus internationalization efforts.
Each year since 1995 the OIP has presented the UNC Charlotte International Education Award to a faculty member for outstanding contribution to the enhancement of the international education experience. Areas of excellence include various types of contribution such as: teaching, research, curriculum and program development, grant writing, and university and community service. Nominations are accepted each spring semester.

Scott Fitzgerald
Department of Sociology
Associate Professor of Public Policy
“[He] is an exemplary scholar/teacher who believes that our students must be engaged in the global village. He is indefatigable in his contribution to our students.”

Michèle Bissière
Department of Languages and Culture Studies
Professor of French
“She excels in each element of scholarly engagement to promote international education” with over 20 courses developed, extensive research and publication, and establishment of the International Film Festival.”

Anabel-Isabel Aliaga-Buchenau
Department of Languages and Culture Studies
Associate Professor of German
“She has significantly impacted the internationalization of UNC Charlotte [through] her contributions in curriculum creation, fundraising, community outreach, and research.”

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GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT SCHOLARS PROGRAM

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ENGAGEMENT

OIP – Facilitated Classroom Connections

Study Abroad Classroom Presentations

Expand your students’ horizons with an engaging introduction to the study abroad experience by incorporating a classroom presentation into your syllabus. The Office of Education Abroad staff and/or trained student interns will come to your class for a pre-arranged period of time to provide an engaging session featuring information about study abroad. Request a presentation via our online form or contact OEA at edabroad@uncc.edu for more details.

Cultural Ambassadors Panel

The Cultural Ambassador Program provides opportunity for cultural understanding and information sharing through dialogue and conversation among diverse students in a university classroom or workshop setting. An International Student and Scholar Office staff member facilitates a classroom discussion with a panel usually consisting of 3-5 international students. If you are interested in having a panel visit your class, please fill out the online form or contact ISSO at intlsso@uncc.edu for more details.

Global Engagement Scholars Program

The UNC Charlotte Global Engagement Scholars Program (GESP) offers global awareness academic and co-curricular opportunities to a wide and diverse group of students from all academic disciplines. Employers are looking for graduates who have special skills that demonstrate that they are prepared for the challenges of the 21st century. GESP gives students access to international resources and the international community at UNC Charlotte to strengthen their global perspectives.

GESP includes three components (academic, co-curricular and international experience) that culminate in a final portfolio project. Students should be able to complete the program in two years or less. Faculty can submit their course(s) that include a global emphasis for inclusion in the GESP offerings. For more information, please visit the Office of Global Education and Engagement website or email globaleducation@uncc.edu.
The Office of Education Abroad (OEA) welcomes program proposals from faculty interested in developing and leading an academic study abroad program for UNC Charlotte students. OEA provides program development workshops each semester which cover the importance of faculty led programming, director roles, working with OEA, program considerations, and program development and implementation. Faculty leading non-credit group travel experiences also work with OEA to register the program through a slightly different process and should contact OEA for details (edabroad@uncc.edu).
**Study Abroad Workshop for Advisors**

The Office of Education Abroad provides a study abroad workshop for any faculty or staff who advise students. Contact OEA Assistant Director Beth Lorenz at elorenz3@uncc.edu for details about the workshop.

**Kingston University Resident Director**

Tenured faculty are eligible to apply for a year appointment as the UNC Charlotte resident director at Kingston University London. Responsibilities include recruitment, advising and orientation of students for the exchange program; teaching one course at Kingston University; supporting students in-country; and post-program internationalization support. Visit the Office of International Programs’ website for details.

**Fulbright Scholar Program**

The Core Fulbright Scholar Program offers nearly 470 teaching, research or combination teaching/research awards in over 125 countries. Opportunities are available for college and university faculty and administrators and provide various time commitment models to meet the changing needs of U.S. academics and professionals. The Office of International Programs offers workshops and one-on-one advising for faculty interested in applying. Contact international@uncc.edu for details.

**Mini International Travel Grants**

The Office of International Programs designates a limited pool of funds each year to support faculty travel overseas. Priority is given to faculty members whose travel enhances the internationalization of the University, either through teaching, research, program initiation or development, or the building or strengthening of linkages with other institutions of higher learning. The request form is online.

**Faculty Partnership for Short-Term Training Programs**

The Office of Intercultural and Educational Experiences (OIEE) designs customized short-term training and educational programs for international students, faculty, and professionals throughout the year. OIEE has recently hosted groups from Japan, Australia, Brazil, and Mexico for programs focused on international business and comparative education, as well as for language and cultural exchange. OIEE seeks faculty from across disciplines at UNC Charlotte as well as Charlotte area professionals for partnerships in existing and new program development. Faculty interested in funded opportunities to develop new curriculum for groups or to teach for one of our current programs should contact intercultural@uncc.edu or visit the OIEE website.
Membership & Training

**Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars**

The Phi Beta Delta Mu Chapter at UNC Charlotte invites faculty to become members. Phi Beta Delta (PBD) has as its purpose the recognition of experience in the areas of international education exchange and/or international scholarship. It also serves as a means for encouraging interdisciplinary interchange and as a catalyst for developing a network among faculty, students, and staff involved. Details are [online](#) or contact phibetadelta@uncc.edu.

**World Affairs Council of Charlotte**

The World Affairs Council of Charlotte (WACC) serves as a regional center for global education and engagement and is hosted on the UNC Charlotte campus in the Office of International Programs. Upcoming WACC programs and more information can be found on the [WACC website](#). Faculty interested in attending uptown programs and/or becoming more involved with WACC should contact international@uncc.edu.

**Country Culture Workshops**

Join the Office of International Programs (OIP) for an annual gathering to enrich our cultural understanding of a featured country. Programs include exploration of key nuances such as language, etiquette, cultural norms, and political history. A combination of expert faculty, administrators, and/or student speakers familiar with the selected country will assist with the development and implementation of the country-culture workshop. If you wish to be part of a planning committee for the Spring 2019 program on India, please outreach to globaleducation@uncc.edu.

Open registration for participation will be posted [online](#).
Funding for International Education Week Programming: November 12 - 16

Faculty are encouraged to submit a proposal to coordinate a program during International Education Week (IEW). Limited funding is available through OIP to support and co-sponsor departmentally-organized initiatives such as lectures, presentations, and performances. Join us in celebrating our commitment to global and international understanding. Event submission and funding request forms for November 12 - 16, 2018 are online.

Student – Centered Global Engagement Programming

The Office of International Programs facilitates co-curricular opportunities to engage in intercultural dialogue, celebrate the cultures of the world, and advance global learning. Many programs provided by OIP are featured on the Office of Global Education and Engagement website.
International Women’s Day Celebration

Each year the Office of International Programs cordially invites members of the UNC Charlotte campus community to celebrate International Women’s Day (IWD) on a date in late March. This celebration recognizes faculty, staff, and students who have been nominated for their impact on the lives of women locally and globally. To nominate someone for recognition or volunteer for the planning committee, visit the Office of Global Education and Engagement website.

International Coffee Hour

International and US domestic students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to enjoy coffee, conversation, and international board games at this monthly informal gathering. The first gathering is Thursday, September 6, 2018, and the program will continue on the first and third Thursdays of each month during the academic year. Stop by the Prospector Faculty/Staff Gold Room between 4pm-6pm to join us for ICH!

Friendship and Cultural Exchange

Encourage your students to enroll in the FACE conversation partner program where US and international students are partnered in small groups and meet independently to exchange ideas and learn about their respective cultures. Information and application are available online. The Fall 2018 application deadline is September 9, 2018.

UNC Charlotte International Festival

UNC Charlotte faculty are encouraged to identify extra credit assignments and/or participation/volunteer recognition for students to attend the International Festival. The UNC Charlotte International Festival is a celebration of people, places, and culture vibrantly displayed a marketplace style event featuring more than 50 countries. More than 5,000 students and approximately 20,000 guests attend the Festival each year.

Save the Date!
September 29, 2018
International Speaker Series

The Office of International Programs periodically hosts international experts to share mini-lectures combined with a Q&A period for interested faculty/staff/students. Schedule updates are online. Highlights for the Fall 2018 series include:

Ambassador Ryan Crocker
Wednesday, September 5, 2018  3:30pm -5:00pm
Halton Reading Room, Atkins Library

Ambassador of Finland, Kirsti Kauppi
Wednesday, October 3, 2018  3:30pm -5:00pm
Location TBA

Great Decisions: Foreign Policy Lecture Series

Great Decisions is the largest non-partisan citizen education effort of its kind and has provided quality information and tools addressing foreign affairs since its establishment over 50 years ago. Every spring the Office of International Programs coordinates a lecture series based on the Foreign Policy Association’s identified topic areas. Past programs/featured speakers are noted online. If interested in presenting a topic in the future, contact globaleducation@uncc.edu. Please encourage your students to attend the Spring 2019 program as well.

International Career Panel

The International Career Panel is an annual event sponsored by the Office of International Programs and The Magellan Society, the young professional branch of the World Affairs Council of Charlotte. Student attendees network, receive resume feedback, and gain insights from early-career professionals regarding career pathways with an international dimension. Details about the spring program are online. Questions can be directed to globaleducation@uncc.edu.
Marian Beane Crossing Borders Writing Contest

In February each year, the Marian Beane Crossing Borders Writing Competition is open for submissions to all UNC Charlotte Students and advanced (Level 5 and 6) ELTI students. Cash prize awards are provided to the winning essays for each student classification group. Promote this opportunity to your students. Contact globaleducation@uncc.edu if you are a faculty/staff member interested in participating as a reader/judge for the 2019 competition. Submission forms and general details are online.

Volunteer Conversation Partners

The English Language Training Institute (ELTI) enrolls roughly 100 students each semester from around the world, helping them to improve their English to matriculate into degree programs at UNC Charlotte or elsewhere. ELTI students are often interested in meeting English-speaking peers for language and cultural exchange and to practice their English outside the classroom. If you have students who express interest in working with international students or who are in search of service projects where this type of experience would be appropriate, direct them to contact elti@uncc.edu by August 31.

International Country Flags: Available for Campus Use

The Office of International Programs (OIP) is pleased to offer the campus community the use of country flags from any of the 193 members of the United Nations at internationally-relevant campus events. OIP also has an “all world” country flag that showcases the UN country flags in one large flag that is available for use. A free loan system is in place through OIP for UNC Charlotte community members to borrow the flags with or without their weighted bases and flagpoles. Any UNC Charlotte department, college, or organization interested in utilizing this service may contact international@uncc.edu or submit our online request form.
Student Study Abroad Fundamentals

The Office of Education Abroad is committed to strengthening the international dimension of UNC Charlotte’s campus by promoting global awareness and international understanding through various types of study opportunities. Over 1,000 participated in a study abroad experience in 2017-2018. Help us make this number grow even larger by inviting us to speak with your students and/or sharing our resources.

Study Abroad Fair

The Annual Fall Study Abroad Fair will be held Wednesday, September 27 from 10am - 2pm in the Barnhardt Student Activity Center Food Court. Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to attend to learn more about education abroad opportunities available through UNC Charlotte. Stop by and speak with faculty leading programs abroad, study abroad alumni, and study abroad providers. For more information, contact the Office of Education Abroad at edabroad@uncc.edu.

GoinGlobal: Global Career & Internship Resources

In keeping with the University’s commitment to developing students’ global competencies, the Office of International Programs partnered with the University Career Center (UCC) to provide access to the GoinGlobal online database of international jobs and internships. In addition to internship information, the site provides country-specific, USA-city-specific, and H-1B resources. Access is available online through the UCC website as well as through the OIP website. Questions about international internships can be directed to the Office of Education Abroad at the UCC at career@uncc.edu or edabroad@uncc.edu.

Study Abroad 101

The Office of Education Abroad has created a series of videos that cover important study abroad topics such as program types and opportunities, financial aid and scholarships, academic credit, application process, and more! In some cases, students are required to complete Study Abroad 101 before they can meet with an Advisor or begin the application process. However, it is highly recommended that all students complete Study Abroad 101 whether or not it is required. This is also a great resource for faculty & staff to learn more about the study abroad process.
Study Abroad Funding Resources

The Office of Education Abroad assists students in navigating funding resources for their education abroad program. Various fiscal management tips are provided online, including information specific to scholarships.

Fulbright US Student Grant Program

The Fulbright US Student Program provides grants for individually designed study/research projects or for English Teaching Assistant Programs. Consider encouraging your students to explore a Fulbright opportunity. Details about the application process are online. Note: UNC Charlotte conducts an internal review/selection process. For more information, contact OEA Director and Fulbright Program Student Advisor, Brad Sekulich at sekulich@uncc.edu.

Gilman International Scholarships for Students

The Gilman Scholarship Program offers awards to US undergraduates receiving Federal Pell Grant funding to diversify the demographics of students who study abroad and the selected destinations. Awards typically range between $1,000 and $5,000. The Office of Education Abroad offers both in-person and webinar workshops to discuss the Gilman scholarship. Inform your students if interested in registering online for an upcoming workshop.

Boren Scholarship and Fellowship

The Boren Scholarships and Fellowships provide unique funding opportunities for US undergraduate and graduate students to study less commonly taught languages and topics in world regions traditionally underrepresented in study abroad. Regions include Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East. More details on Boren opportunities are available online. General questions can be addressed to edabroad@uncc.edu.
The English Language Training Institute provides dedicated resources to assist international faculty, visiting scholars, and graduate assistants with language support. More information is online or contact ITAsupport@uncc.edu for any of the noted programs:

**International Teaching Assistants (ITAs) Language Assessment**

ITAs are assessed for language and instructional readiness skills before beginning their teaching assignments. ITAs attend a support course as appropriate.

**International Graduate Students English Assistance**

International graduate students at UNC Charlotte can take advantage of a six week spoken English support course focused on improving their spoken comprehensibility and pronunciation.

**Visiting Scholars Language Support**

UNC Charlotte visiting scholars are invited to attend a language support course to help develop spoken English skills as well as to share their experiences with fellow scholars.

Two operational units within the Office of International Programs provide direct support to international scholars and students. A complete overview of resources, including but not limited to immigration support, advising, cultural adjustment programming, and language assistance, is online for the [International Student and Scholar Office](#) and the [English Language Training Institute](#).