Office of International Programs

2019 Faculty Global Engagement Resources

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The University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Established at UNC Charlotte in 1975, the Office of International Programs (OIP) strives to strengthen international education and global learning 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 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.

http://www.oip.uncc.edu

Greetings Faculty,
The Office of International Programs, comprised of the Office of Education Abroad, International Student and Scholar Office, English Language Training Institute, the Office of Intercultural and Educational Experiences, and the Office of Global Education and Engagement, supports and organizes a wide range of on- and off-campus programs; supports faculty development through their initiatives; guides the development of institutional agreements with international partner institutions; and provides leadership and advice to advance campus internationalization and global learning efforts.

We look forward to collaborating with you as UNC Charlotte continues its tradition of providing a diverse and inclusive teaching and learning environment for all students and scholars.

Joël Gallegos
Assistant Provost for International Programs
Academic and Faculty Global Connections

The Office of International Programs offers faculty a variety of resources and programs to support campus internationalization efforts. Faculty are encouraged to connect with OIP to explore opportunities for engagement. Various options are noted on the general faculty resources page provided online, such as the Faculty/Staff International Travel Resources, International Travel Insurance for Faculty, and more!

International Education Award

Each year since 1995, 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.

Chuang Wang
Department of Educational Leadership, Professor of Educational Research

“Dr. Wang distinguished himself in internationalization in his teaching, curriculum development, research, grant writing, university service, and community service though this was not a requirement of his academic discipline.”

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.”

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.”

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Department of Educational Leadership, Professor of Educational Research

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Anabel-Isabel Aliaga-Buchenau
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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 provides 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.

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. For example, OIEE has hosted groups from Japan, Australia, Brazil, and Mexico for programs focused on international business and comparative education, as well 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.
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 2020 program on a country still to be decided, please outreach to globaleducation@uncc.edu. Open registration for participation will be posted online.

Employment and Payment of Non-Residents Workshop

This workshop informs faculty and staff of federal immigration and tax laws that UNC Charlotte operates under for the hiring of non-immigrant visa holders. This workshop is presented by staff in Human Resources, the Tax Office, and the International Student and Scholar Office.

• Wednesday, October 2, 2019, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm: Foundation Building Training Room 112

To register your attendance: https://hr-training.uncc.edu/registration/catalog.asp

Enhancing Cultural Awareness Workshop

In this workshop facilitated by OIP, the session leader will present an overview of the common definition and assessment of culture at UNC Charlotte and explore cultural dimensions based on theory and research. Participants will receive resources for sample assignments and a mapping exercise to enhance student cultural awareness. For room location and more details, contact the Center for Teaching and Learning. https://teaching.uncc.edu/services-programs/teaching-certificate

• Wednesday, October 2, 2019, 1:30 pm - 2:45 pm
• Tuesday, February 18, 2020, 11:30 am - 12:45 pm

Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars

The Phi Beta Delta (PBD) Mu Chapter at UNC Charlotte invites faculty to become members. 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.
OIP-Facilitated Classroom Connections

Cultural Ambassador Program

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 ISSO staff member facilitates a classroom discussion with a panel usually consisting of three to five international students. If you are interested in having a panel visit your class, please complete the online form or contact ISSO at intliss@uncc.edu for more details.

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 (OEA) 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.
Funding for International Education Week Programming: November 18 - 22, 2019

International Education Week (IEW) serves as a reminder that college and university campuses play a special part in shaping the awareness of our role in the global village. UNC Charlotte faculty, staff and students are encouraged to explore the value of education abroad, the richness that international students and faculty bring into our classrooms and departments, and the benefits derived from all international programs on campus. IEW Week is a joint initiative between the U.S. Departments of State and Education.

Faculty are encouraged to submit a proposal to coordinate a program during 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 18 - 22, 2019 are online.
International Speaker Series

The Office of International Programs periodically hosts international experts, ambassadors and other prominent speakers to share mini-lectures combined with a Q&A period for interested faculty/staff/students. Schedule updates are online. Highlights for the Fall 2019 series include:

Hon. John C. Kornblum, Former U.S. Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany
Thursday, September 12, 2019   3:30 pm - 5 pm
Location TBA

Consul General of Italy, Hon. Pier Forlano
Thursday, October 24, 2019   3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Location TBA

Dr. Volker Wissing, Economic Minister and Deputy Minister President of the State of Rheinland - Pfalz, Germany
Monday, November 4, 2019   3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
SAC Salon A

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 2020 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.

UNC Charlotte’s 44th Annual International Festival

Founded in 1975, the UNC Charlotte International Festival recognizes the region’s growing diversity. Colorful marketplace-style booths representing the cultures of over 50 nations are arranged in and around the Student Activity Center. The booths are staffed by UNC Charlotte international students and members of Charlotte’s international community and feature art, crafts, and costumes from each participating country. Many booths offer international food for sale.

Throughout the day, music and dance from a variety of nations will be presented on indoor and outdoor stages. In addition, the International Festival, which is family-oriented, offers activities designed especially for children, such as mimes and face painting.

In addition to the hallmark elements, the International Festival includes an international game zone for attendees of all ages to both participate in and learn about the games’ cultural significance. Attendance at the International Festival in previous years has been estimated at over 20,000 people.

Save the Date! September 21, 2019
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 5, 2019, 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 4 pm - 6 pm to join us for ICH!

Friendship and Cultural Exchange

Encourage your students to enroll in the Friendship and Cultural Exchange (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 applications for FACE are available online. The Fall 2019 application deadline is September 8, 2019.
Marian Beane Crossing Borders Writing Contest

The Marian Beane Crossing Borders Writing Competition (CBWC) is an internationally themed annual writing contest for UNC Charlotte students. In February of each year, the Marian Beane CBWC is open for submissions to all UNC Charlotte students and advanced (Level 4 and 5) ELTI students. Cash prize awards are given to the winning essays in each category (Undergraduate, Graduate, and ELTI).

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 2020 competition. Submission forms and general details are online.

Conversation Partners

The English Language Training Institute (ELTI) enrolls students from around the world each semester with the goal of providing them academic English language instruction and university readiness skills in order 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 are in search of service projects where this type of experience would be appropriate, please direct them to contact elti@uncc.edu by September 4th to receive more information about the Conversation Partners Program.

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-recognized 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.
Faculty–Led Programs

Study Abroad Studio

The Office of International Programs is offering a professional development studio series designed to strengthen short term faculty-led programs by developing global student learning outcomes, curriculum integration pathways, and innovative program models for UNC Charlotte faculty offering academic opportunities abroad to their students. Through campus workshops, online course curricula on student learning outcomes offered by the Center for Teaching and Learning, guest speakers, and activities hosted at UNC Charlotte global partner institutions, the studios will strengthen faculty members’ ability to develop thoughtfully designed student opportunities abroad that incorporate reflective and comparative exercises in global learning as part of the program design and curriculum.

For more information on the studio series, developing education abroad courses, or study abroad in general, please contact the OEA director at edabroad@uncc.edu.

Faculty-Led Programs

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 that cover the importance of faculty-led programming, student learning outcomes, director roles, collaborating 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 study abroad workshops for any faculty or staff who are responsible for advising students. Contact the OEA assistant director 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. Contact the assistant provost for International Programs 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.
Student Study Abroad Fundamentals

The Office of Education Abroad (OEA) 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 800 students participated in a study abroad experience in 2018-2019. 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 Monday, October 14 from 10 am - 2 pm 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 OEA at edabroad@uncc.edu.

Study Abroad 101

The Office of Education Abroad has created a Canvas course that covers important study abroad topics such as program types and opportunities, financial aid and scholarships, academic credit, application process and more. All UNC Charlotte students will be required to complete Study Abroad 101 before meeting with an advisor or starting an application. Faculty and staff interested in learning more about the process or would like to be added to the Canvas course should contact OEA at edabroad@uncc.edu.

GoinGlobal:
Global Career and 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 OEA or the UCC at career@uncc.edu or edabroad@uncc.edu.
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 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 the OEA Director and Fulbright Program Student Advisor at edabroad@uncc.edu.

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.
International Instructor and Teaching Assistants’ Language Support Program

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 their noted programs.

International Teaching Assistants (ITAs) Language Assessment

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