Greetings UNC Charlotte Faculty,

The Office of International Programs supports and coordinates a broad scope of on- and off-campus curricular and co-curricular initiatives; supports faculty development; directs the advancement of institutional agreements with international partner institutions; and provides leadership and guidance to advance campus internationalization and global learning efforts. We are comprised of the Office of Global Education and Engagement, the Office of Education Abroad, International Student and Scholar Office, English Language Training Institute, and the Office of Intercultural and Educational Experiences.

We invite faculty to actively partner with us in providing our students with meaningful and transformative international education experiences, on campus, in our community and abroad. We look forward to collaborating with you as UNC Charlotte continues its long tradition of providing a diverse and inclusive teaching and learning environment for all students and scholars.

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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.

This Faculty Global Engagement Resource Guide overviews special aspects of interest to our faculty in support of internationalization initiatives. We value your partnership and we encourage you to reach out to the appropriate office as noted should you seek additional information on any initiative.

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LIVE. LEARN. BE GLOBAL.
Academic & Faculty Global Connections
The Office of International Programs offers faculty a variety of resources and programs to support campus internationalization efforts. Various options are noted on the general faculty resources page provided online.
International Education Award

Each year since 1995, the Office of International Programs (OIP) has proudly presented the UNC Charlotte International Education Award to recognize the special contributions of a faculty member to the enhancement of the UNC Charlotte international education experience.

While we routinely collaborate with our partners across campus and witness your commitment to internationalization, this award is one way OIP recognizes important partnerships. Areas of excellence include contributions in teaching, research, curriculum and program development, grant writing, or university and community service.

We encourage faculty and staff submissions for this award, and the nomination process opens and is announced to the community each spring semester.

Eric Byker
Department of Reading and Elementary Education, Associate Professor of Reading and Elementary Education

“Dr. Byker distinguished himself through his significant contributions to the international study experience for students, his contributions to the COED Internationalization Committee and the Global Teacher Education Initiative, his work as Resident Director at Kingston University London, as well as his academic work on global citizenship.”

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

“Dr. Aliaga-Buchenau has significantly impacted the internationalization of UNC Charlotte [through] her contributions in curriculum creation, fundraising, community outreach, and research.”
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. For example, OIEE has hosted groups from Japan, Australia, Brazil, and Saudi Arabia for programs focused on international business and comparative education, as well as language and cultural exchange. OIEE seeks UNC Charlotte faculty from across disciplines as well as Charlotte area professionals for partnerships in existing and new program development. Faculty interested in fashioning a new program or in paid opportunities to design the curriculum and instruct for one of our programs should contact intercultural@uncc.edu or visit the OIEE website.

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 twenty-first century. GESP provides students access to international resources and the international community at UNC Charlotte to strengthen their global perspectives.

GESP's three components that culminate in a final portfolio project are designed so that students should be able to complete the program in two years or less. We encourage faculty with courses that include a global emphasis to submit for inclusion in the GESP offerings. We also welcome relevant internationally-themed programming submissions for the campus community. For more information, please contact globaleducation@uncc.edu or visit global.uncc.edu.
Country-Culture Workshops

With a diverse mix of people and cultures, our campus is a place of inclusion. Join the Office of International Programs (OIP) for an annual gathering to enrich your cultural understanding of a featured country. Programs explore 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 country-culture workshops. Please see Country-Culture Workshops for future programs and participant registration.
Employment and Payment of Non-Residents Workshops

International scholars and graduate assistants play a critical role in research and instruction on campus. The International Student and Scholar Office regularly partners with UNC Charlotte Human Resources and the Tax Office to facilitate workshops to inform faculty and staff on federal immigration and tax laws that UNC Charlotte operates under for the hiring of non-immigrant visa holders.

To register for an upcoming workshop, visit HR’s training site.

Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars

The Phi Beta Delta (PBD) Mu Chapter at UNC Charlotte 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.

PBD’s Mu Chapter invites faculty to join as members. Details are online or contact phibetadelta@uncc.edu.

Enhancing Cultural Awareness Workshops

In this workshop facilitated by the Office of International Programs, the session leader presents an overview of the common definition and assessment of culture at UNC Charlotte and explores cultural dimensions based on theory and research. Participants receive resources for sample assignments and a mapping exercise to enhance student cultural awareness. For additional course content and registration details, visit the Center for Teaching and Learning.

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. The Young Professionals of WACC also offers networking opportunities for early career professionals interested in the world writ large. Upcoming WACC programs and more information can be found on the WACC website. Faculty interested in attending 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 opportunities for cultural understanding and information sharing through dialogue and conversation among diverse students in classroom or workshop settings, with virtual options available. An International Students and Scholars Office staff member facilitates discussion between a panel comprised of several international students and other attendees. If you are interested in having a panel visit your class, please contact intlssso@uncc.edu.

Study Abroad Virtual and In-Person Presentations

Expand your students’ horizons with an engaging introduction to the study abroad experience by incorporating a presentation into your syllabus. The Office of Education Abroad staff will provide a thought-provoking session featuring the benefits of studying abroad, which include developing a new global outlook and career benefits post-graduation. Request a presentation via our online form or contact edabroad@uncc.edu.
Student-Centered Global Engagement Programming
UNC Charlotte’s 45th Annual International Festival

Founded in 1975, the International Festival continues to recognize the region's growing diversity while holding the distinction of being the longest-standing and largest on-campus event. While the 2020 International Festival was cancelled in the interest of public health and safety, we look forward to celebrating our 45th anniversary in fall 2021.

The International Festival celebrates our diverse and globally-enriched campus and Charlotte community which we call home and centers around booths arranged in colorful marketplace style representing the cultures of many nations. Throughout the day the music and dance of a variety of countries occurs on indoor and outdoor stages. This family-oriented event also offers an international games zone for attendees of all ages to play while learning about the cultural significance of play.

Visit ifest.uncc.edu for more information.

Global News: DailyChatter Newsletter

The Office of International Programs has teamed up with DailyChatter, an independent and non-partisan international daily newsletter that curates interesting and important global developments. This conversational, easy-to-read report is designed to be read on your smartphone or digital device. Invite UNC Charlotte students to consume global content in addition to US news sources and to enroll in this free subscription as well, independently or as part of a class. This format is intended to be easily digestible and includes maps that highlight the topic country/region for readers who may be less familiar with world geography.

Learn how to subscribe.

International Women’s Day Celebration

Each year the Office of International Programs (OIP) joins in the global celebration of the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The entire campus community is encouraged to participate in OIP’s traditional afternoon celebration of International Women's Day in late March. This celebration recognizes faculty, staff and students involved in international and/or gender balance issues who have been nominated for their impact on the lives of women locally and globally.

To nominate someone for recognition visit the Office of Global Education and Engagement website.
Globally Networked Learning (GNL) Opportunities and Resources

GNL integrates global perspectives into teaching, programming and research using technology and allows for collaboration with UNC Charlotte and other international partners from around the world. Faculty considering adopting GNL into either an existing course or as the basis for an entirely new course will find the model to be exceedingly flexible. The Office of International Programs (OIP) can help explore how GNL could help enhance the delivery of your course content and students’ learning experiences. GNL is a great way to give students who may not necessarily study abroad access to global contexts.

Learn more on how to set up a GNL course or program here.

Marian Beane Crossing Borders Writing Competition

A strong advocate for international students for over 40 years at UNC Charlotte, former OIP staff member Marian Beane endows the Crossing Borders Writing Competition, an internationally themed annual writing contest for students. Each February the competition is open for submissions to all UNC Charlotte students. Awards are given to the top essays in three categories (undergraduate, graduate, and English Language Training Institute).

Please promote this opportunity to your students or contact globaleducation@uncc.edu if you are a faculty/staff member interested in participating as a reader for the competition. Submission forms and general details are online.

International Education Week (IEW): November 16 - 20, 2020

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 offerings on campus. IEW is a joint initiative between the U.S. Departments of State and Education.

Faculty are encouraged to submit proposals to coordinate programs during IEW. Previous programs include lectures, presentations, and performances. Join us in celebrating our commitment to global and international understanding. Submit events for inclusion in IEW, November 16 - 20, 2020.
English Conversation Partners

Each semester, the English Language Training Institute (ELTI) enrolls students from around the world 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 questions to elti@uncc.edu.

Friendship and Cultural Exchange (FACE) Program

Encourage your students to enroll in the FACE conversation partner program. This program, which has been adapted for fall 2020 to a virtual format due to campus social distancing guidance, partners US and international students of all levels in small groups who meet independently to exchange ideas and learn about their respective cultures. Information and applications for FACE are available online.
International Speaker Series

The Office of International Programs (OIP), in collaboration with the World Affairs Council of Charlotte, Atkins Library and the Department of Global Studies, periodically hosts international experts, ambassadors and other prominent speakers to share mini-lectures combined with a Q&A period for interested faculty, staff and students. Please visit the website for speaker information and schedule updates. Previous speakers include:

- **Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary James A. Walsh**  
  International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, U.S. Department of State

- **John C. Kornblum**  
  Former U.S. Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany

- **Hon. Pier Forlano**  
  Consul General of Italy

- **Dr. Volker Wissing**  
  Chairman of the FDP and Vice-Minister President of Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany

- **Lieutenant General Michael K. Nagata**  
  Former Director at the National Counter-Terrorism Center

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, OIP coordinates a lecture series based on the Foreign Policy Association's identified topic areas. Past programs/featured speakers are noted online.

OIP welcomes inquiries from our own faculty experts who are interested in presenting on relevant subject matter. We encourage robust interaction and attendance from a diverse audience, and we invite you to consider adding this as a co-curricular component to your courses. For more details contact globaleducation@uncc.edu.

International Career Panel

The International Career Panel is an annual event sponsored by the OIP, the University Career Center, and the Young Professionals 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.
International Country Flags: Available for Campus Use

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 should submit our online request form.
Faculty Opportunities to Support Study Abroad
Study Abroad Studio: Student Learning Outcomes

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 contact edabroad@uncc.edu.
Study Abroad Workshops for Advisors

The Office of Education Abroad (OEA) provides study abroad workshops for any faculty or staff who are responsible for advising students. Contact edabroad@uncc.edu for additional details about workshops.

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. The OEA sends over 750 students on an international experience each year. 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.

Faculty–Led Programs

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 and webinars 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 at edabroad@uncc.edu.

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 US academics and professionals. The Office of International Programs (OIP) offers workshops and one-on-one advising for faculty interested in applying. Contact international@uncc.edu for details.

International Travel Grants

OIP 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.
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 international@uncc.edu for details.
Study Abroad Fundamentals
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 interested UNC Charlotte students will be required to complete Study Abroad 101 before meeting with an advisor or starting an application. Learn more here.
Study Abroad Fair

Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to learn more about education abroad opportunities available through UNC Charlotte. This year’s Fall Study Abroad Fair was held virtually over three days with informative virtual booths and scheduled live meetings for people to stop by and meet virtually with faculty leading programs, study abroad providers, university resources, and study abroad alumni. For more information, 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 to provide access to the GoinGlobal online database of international jobs and internships. In addition to internship information, the site provides country-specific, US-city-specific, and H-1B resources. Access is available online and questions about international internships can be directed to career@uncc.edu or edabroad@uncc.edu.
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.

**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.

**Fulbright US Student Grant Program**

The Fulbright US Student Program provides grants for individually designed study/research projects, English teaching assistant programs, and some graduate degree possibilities abroad. Consider encouraging your students to explore Fulbright opportunities. Details about the application process are online. UNC Charlotte has a campus deadline of August 15 each year and conducts interviews to provide feedback for students prior to the October national deadline for the grant. For more information, contact edabroad@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 OEA offers workshops to discuss the Gilman Scholarship. Learn more here.
International Student & Scholar Resources
Supporting International Students and Scholars

Two operational units within the Office of International Programs provide direct support to international scholars and students. The International Student and Scholar Office (ISSO) and the English Language Training Institute (ELTI) provide resources, including but not limited to immigration support, advising, and cultural adjustment programming. These units assist international students and scholars to achieve their individual educational and personal goals while contributing to a culturally diverse learning environment. ELTI prepares English language learners to be successful members of the US academic community as they help promote an intercultural understanding from a global perspective.

International Teaching Assistants Language Support Program

The English Language Training Institute provides dedicated resources to assist international teaching assistants (ITAs) with language support. All new ITAs are assessed for language and instructional readiness skills prior to beginning their teaching assignments. Based on their assessment, ITAs may be enrolled in an ESL support course focused on presentation and delivery including oral English skills such as pronunciation, stress, and discourse markers. For more information, please contact elti@uncc.edu or visit the ELTI website.
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