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WINGS Scholarship

The [WINGS \(Women Initiating and Nurturing Growth through Scholarships\) scholarship program](#) is the sole philanthropic venture of Women Executives (WE), a Charlotte organization of professional women, and is managed under Women Executives for Community Service (WECS), a 501c3 non-profit organization. The WINGS scholarship program supports female college students age 25 and older who are pursuing a degree at a Charlotte institution. The WINGS Scholarship awards one or two \$5,000 scholarships each year that are renewable while the student is enrolled full-time at UNC Charlotte. Applicants must be non-traditional students who are entering their sophomore or junior year, with a strong preference to female students. The **application deadline is April 15, 2019**, and can be applied for through the [NinerScholars Portal](#). UNC Charlotte faculty are requested to share information about the WINGS scholarship opportunity with students and to encourage eligible female students to apply.

Opportunity Research Fellowship Program

Applications are now being accepted for the Opportunity Research Fellowship Program, a grants program for UNC Charlotte faculty sponsored by the UNC Charlotte Urban Institute and the Charlotte Opportunity Insights Partnership and funded by The Gambrell Foundation. The Fellowship Program funds short-term research projects (up to 18 months) examining issues related to economic mobility in the Charlotte region. Up to ten fellowships will be awarded over two years. Proposed projects can have a maximum budget of \$7,500. Joint faculty proposals can have a maximum budget of \$15,000. The deadline for submissions is 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 28, 2019. The grant period will begin July 1, 2019, pending required IRB approvals. Additional information about the Program can be found on the [Urban Institute website](#).

Global Perspective Series: Promoting Global Education Through Film

Promoting Global Education Through Film with Dr. Michèle Bissière

Now in its seventh year, the [International Film Festival](#) (IFF), organized by the Department of Languages and Culture Studies and UNC Charlotte language clubs, provides students with opportunities to expand their worldview by attending and discussing a wide variety of international films. Dr. Michèle Bissière, the founder and coordinator of the IFF, will talk about the history of the festival, mention some of its highlights (including opportunities for student engagement), and share plans for the future. Participants will be invited to provide feedback and new ideas to take the festival to the next level.

- Thursday, April 4, 2019, 3:00 - 5:00 PM, CHHS 207 ([RSVP](#))

THATCamp - Saturday, April 6, 2019

THATCAMP

THE HUMANITIES AND TECHNOLOGY CAMP

CHARLOTTE 2019

Atkins Library is hosting [THATCamp Charlotte 2019](#) this Saturday, April 6, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. THATCamp stands for "The Humanities and Technology Camp." It is an unconference: an open, inexpensive meeting where humanists and technologists of all skill levels learn and build together in sessions proposed on the spot. We encourage you to attend if you are thinking about research or teaching in conjunction with technology. Register any time before the event!

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. It provides an opportunity to network and hear several early-career professionals discuss the international elements of various careers such as law, business, government, not-for-profit, and education. Panelists speak about their experiences and offer valuable advice to those about to enter the job market and pursue work in international fields. Advisors from UNC Charlotte's Career Center are also on-site to provide brief resume reviews.

- Thursday, April 11, 5:30 – 8:00 PM, Halton Reading Room, J. Murrey Atkins Library ([Register](#))

NYT.com Cancellation

Atkins Library will no longer be subscribing to the New York Times Online (NYT.com). We understand that this resource is used by students, faculty, and staff, but as a result of budget constraints and the availability of access to the articles through other library services, we have decided to cancel the campus subscription. The subscription will officially end on July 1, 2019. If you wish to access current articles published by the New York Times, both now and after the loss of access to NYT.com, you can locate individual articles through two alternative resources, which allow you to set up alerts to be notified when new content is available. If you have any questions or concerns, contact [Liz Siler](#) or your [subject librarian](#).

[ProQuest](#) - To create an alert, click on "Create alert" on the publication page.

[Nexis Uni](#) - Review the [information on how to create content alerts](#).

Graduate Student Funding Task Force Report - Online FAQ Page

In response to the Graduate Student Funding Task Force Report, the Chancellor provided \$1.2 million for graduate assistantship support for the 2019-20 academic year. With direction from the Office of Academic Affairs and implemented by the Graduate School, these funds are being used to increase the stipends of the graduate assistantships held centrally by the Graduate School. Graduate School staff have been meeting with faculty and students over the past couple of weeks to answer questions on this initiative and the Graduate School has developed a [FAQ page](#) based on these meetings. This page will be updated regularly in hope that you will refer to it when questions arise.

PKP/CLGO Book Drive



The UNC Charlotte chapter of The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi (PKP) has partnered with the Children's Literature Graduate Organization (CLGO) to host a book drive from March 15 - April 30. This book drive will help Read Charlotte, a local organization focused on doubling the percentage of third graders in Charlotte reading on grade level from 39% in 2015 to 80% by 2025. We are seeking donations for new and used children's books for ages 0 to 18. Novels, non-fiction and specialty books for all ages are also accepted. Please review the [Phi Kappa Phi webpage](#) for donation box locations



and further information. Donations will also be collected at the Phi Kappa Phi initiation ceremony on Sunday, April 14, 2019, between 3:00-4:00 p.m. in the McKnight Hall lobby of Cone University Center.

SPIDUR Faculty Fellow Call for Participation

The Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR) at UNC Charlotte is seeking a full-time faculty member to serve as the Faculty Fellow for the Summer Program to Increase Diversity in Undergraduate Research Program. The stipend for this position is \$8000. This position will begin in August 2019.

The Summer Program to Increase Diversity in Undergraduate Research (SPIDUR) program is administered out of the Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR). The SPIDUR program is focused on recruiting high achieving students from underrepresented groups and/or first-generation students, or students with disabilities from around the country to participate in an 8-week summer research program. Students receive one-on-one, faculty-guided research training, and participate in weekly professional development sessions to better prepare them for graduate school and a future research career. The program culminates in a Summer Research Symposium.

The OUR is seeking candidates with experience mentoring undergraduate students and knowledge about research training programs for undergraduate students.

Faculty Fellow Roles/Responsibilities:

- Assist in recruiting students and faculty for the program. Please note: This may involve travel to recruit students.
- Be actively engaged during 8-week summer program
- Serve as point of contact for SPIDUR faculty mentors
- Serve as point of contact for student participants
- Serve as the liaison between the SPIDUR program and The Office for Undergraduate Research
- Work with the OUR to implement programming for summer research experiences
- Organize SPIDUR Selection Committee
- Review SPIDUR faculty mentors and student applications
- Participate in the OUR Faculty Fellow Advisory Committee planning meetings that are held during the academic year

To apply for this position please submit a letter of application, a current CV, and an endorsement from your chair to [Dr. Erin Banks](#) by Friday, April 12, 2019.

Dissertation Defenses

The dissertation defense is one of the ways a new scholar demonstrates readiness to join the academy and is an opportunity to share their research widely. [View All Dissertation Defense Announcements](#)

Upcoming Events

This Week:

- Apr 1-5** [International Film Festival](#)
- Apr 2** [Atkins Out Loud: Theatre Shorts](#)
- Apr 3** [Faculty Short-Term Study Abroad Program Development Workshop](#)
- Apr 4** [International Coffee Hour](#)
- Apr 4** [Promoting Global Education with Dr. Michèle Bissière](#)
- Apr 4-7** [Spring Dance Concert](#)
- Apr 5-6** [Latin American Environments: Approaches from the Sciences and the Humanities](#)
- Apr 6** [Explore UNC Charlotte](#)
- Apr 6** [Wildflower Identification](#)

Next Week:

- Apr 8** [Stravinsky's Les Noces \(Music\)](#)
- Apr 9** [Witness in Residence Initiative: A Conversation about Transgender Lives](#)
- Apr 9** [Jazz Ensemble with Dick Oatts](#)
- Apr 10** [Lecture: Charles Renfro](#)
- Apr 11** [International Career Panel](#)
- Apr 11** [Lecture: Barbara Schreiber](#)
- Apr 11** [Orchestra Concert](#)

Apr 11-14 [Botanical Gardens Annual Plant Sale](#)

Apr 12 [Reception: Vessels Aplenty](#)

Apr 13-14 [Denial: The Final Stage of Genocide](#)

Upcoming: provost.uncc.edu/division-news/weekly-news-digest/upcoming-events

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