

News Digest

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Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship Program Expansion

Phi Kappa Phi has [announced an expansion](#) of its Fellowship Program from a total distribution of \$345,000 each year to \$615,000. The funding will support 58 fellowships for students entering their first year of graduate or professional study. Beginning in 2019, Phi Kappa Phi will award 50 fellowships at \$8,500 each, six at \$20,000 each, and two at \$35,000 each. These Fellowships are part of the Society's [award program](#) which distributes nearly \$1 million each year through study abroad grants, fellowships, funding for post-baccalaureate development, and more. Applications will open December 15.

CONNECT Training and Early Alerts

Numerous CONNECT training sessions are scheduled for Fall 2018. These training sessions will include Early Alert Training. Early Alerts are due for all 1XXX/2XXX courses by noon on Friday, September 14th. Information on fall training for advisors and faculty for CONNECT, including the link for registration, can be found on the [Academic Advising Technology Training webpage](#). Departments may also request to schedule their own training session to be held during a departmental meeting by contacting LeeFredrick Bowen, Director for Academic Advising Systems.

Incentive Program Pays Doctoral Students to Apply for Fellowships

Doctoral students can get \$500 for applying for qualified fellowships this year. The payment is part of the Graduate School's [Fellowship Application Incentive Program \(FAIP\)](#) to encourage more students to apply for fellowships in the 2018-19 academic year. Through FAIP, an incentive program launched last year, doctoral students can get \$500 each for applying for up to two qualified fellowships. An additional \$1,500 incentive payment is available for the first successful fellowship application. To apply, doctoral students complete the FAIP application prior to applying for fellowships. Application deadline is February 1, 2019. An application form and more details are located on the Graduate School's [Funding](#) webpage. Workshops are available to help locate fellowship opportunities. The Graduate School's Center for Graduate Life will host a workshop, "Money for your Graduate Education: How to Find Fellowships" on September 17 and September 28. Visit the [Center for Graduate Life's](#) event calendar for more details.

Ventureprise Launch Fall NSF I-Corps

Have an idea or research finding that the National Science Foundation may be interested in Funding? Apply to participate in the fall 2018 Ventureprise Launch National Science Foundation I-Corps cohort. The program provides UNC Charlotte faculty, staff and students with commercialization training and an initial \$3,000 in NSF funding. The goal of the program is to identify potential commercial uses and prepare for more substantial commercialization funding opportunities. The next stage is a six month \$50,000 NSF I-Corps Teams grant. Applications are due September 14; the cohort begins September

21. A complete schedule and application form can be found [here](#). To learn more, contact PI [Devin Collins](#) (704-687-8058).

Atkins Library: News and Events

Ribbon Cutting for Family Friendly Library Room #2

Atkins Library and the ANSWER Scholarship will unveil a new [Family-Friendly Library Room](#) next to the first child-friendly study room that opened in 2017. Bring your kids and join us for the celebration!

- Wednesday, September 19, 4:30 - 6:30 PM, Atkins 206

Area 49 Grand Opening

Atkins will soon unveil [Area 49, six technology and learning spaces](#) designed to encourage cross-disciplinary exploration, experimentation, and collaboration. Comprised of the Visualization Lab, EZ Video Studio, Gaming Lab, Multimedia Lab, Makerspace, and the Teaching and Technology Theater (T3), Area 49 provides students and researchers access to specialized equipment that enables these spaces to serve as the catalyst for ideation, innovation, and entrepreneurial research and development.encompasses.

- Tuesday, September 25, Atkins Second Floor Technology Space
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM: Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM: Open House

Atkins Book Sale

Mark your calendars! Atkins Library will hold its book sale on Friday, September 28 and Saturday, September 29 in the Halton Room. Browse thousands of books, LPs, and other items.

US-China Global Education TV Series

The Confucius Institute U.S. Center announces the nationwide re-broadcast of a US-China Global Education Television Series, in partnership with the World Affairs Council-Washington, DC. The series features conversations between distinguished American private and public-sector leaders and the presidents of U.S. universities and cultural organizations that host Confucius Institutes. Each episode highlights the value of global education, people-to-people exchanges, increased cross-cultural understanding, and the learning of world languages in both nations. All programs will broadcast at 10:00 a.m. Eastern time. For more information, visit the [Confucius Institute U.S. Center website](#).

- Saturday, September 15, Mr. David Abney (CEO of UPS)
Interviewed By: President Mark Becker (Georgia State University)
- Sunday, September 16, Mr. Bertrand-Marc Allen (President of Boeing International)
Interviewed By: President Ángel Cabrera (George Mason University)
- Saturday, September 22, President Emeritus Joseph W. Polisi (The Juilliard School)
Interviewed By: President Anthony Monaco (Tufts University)
- Sunday, September 23, Dr. Victor Dzau (President of National Academy of Medicine)
Interviewed By: President Samuel Stanley (Stony Brook University)
- Saturday, September 29, The Honorable J. Stapleton Roy (Fmr. U.S. Ambassador)
Interviewed By: President James B. Heimowitz (China Institute)
- Sunday, September 30, The Honorable John Chiang (California State Treasurer)
Interviewed By: President Leslie E. Wong (San Francisco State University)

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:

Sep 12 [Bosnia and Herzegovina Series](#)

Sep 16 [Kids Crafternoon](#)

Sep 16 [Stories in the Woods](#)

NEXT

WEEK: [Constitution Day: The Supreme Court](#)

Sep 17 [Fall Career & Internship Fair](#)

Sep 21 [Charlotte KidsFest](#)

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<https://provost.uncc.edu/about-academic-affairs/weekly-news-digest/upcoming-events>

UPCOMING:

*The [OAA News Digest](#) is distributed each Monday to Academic Affairs faculty and staff.
Deadline for submission is 11:00 a.m. every Friday.*