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Designing Effective Online Courses: An Online Workshop for UNC System Faculty and Staff

After overwhelming demand (1,800+ faculty) for the initial offerings of Designing Effective Online Courses, an online workshop to support faculty and staff across the System in moving their courses to an online format, the UNC System Office has announced two more sessions of the online workshop for the fall semester. The workshop is free, but space is limited, and registration is required. [Learn more and register.](#)

Who Should Attend: This workshop will provide faculty and staff with information, tools, and experiences that will help them to be more successful—and more comfortable—teaching online. Because time is of the essence, the UNC System Division of Academic Affairs, and its Digital Learning Initiative, have designed this workshop to focus on the most essential topics any faculty member will need to move their courses online quickly and effectively. The material will be aimed at instructors who have minimal proficiency leading online learning environments, but experienced instructors will also find new tips, hot topics, and useful activities.

When: The next sessions of this workshop begin on October 5 and then again on November 30. Based on feedback from previous participants, there will be a two-week and a four-week pacing of the course for the October session and only a two week pacing for the November session. Participants can finish the work at their own pace, but they are encouraged to complete the course within the two or four week time frames in order to take advantage of the opportunity to collaborate with other faculty members.

What You'll Experience:

1. An interactive, hands-on, workshop approach
2. A chance to create and build usable course assets throughout the workshop
3. The opportunity to experience online teaching best practices from the student perspective
4. A model of flexible course design that provides ample time for collaboration while also allowing participants to set their own pace

Learn More: [Digital Learning Initiative website](#). For questions, contact [Jim Ptaszynski](#), Vice President for Digital Learning.

Calls for Nominations

Harshini V. de Silva Graduate Mentor Award

Nominations will be accepted through November 6 for the 2021 Harshini V. de Silva Graduate Mentor Award. The award recognizes a full-time member of the graduate faculty who displays outstanding graduate mentoring. This award was established in memory of Dr. Harshini de Silva, an associate professor of biology, noted for her dedication to the academic and professional development of graduate students. The award, which includes a crystal obelisk, a framed citation and a cash prize, will be presented in the spring semester at a ceremony and reception presided over by the Chancellor, the

Dean of the Graduate School and University officers. Information on this year's competition, nominating process and previous winners, can be found on the [Graduate School](#) website.

First Citizens Bank Scholars Medal

Nominations for the 2021 First Citizens Bank Scholars Medal for outstanding scholarship, creativity and research will be accepted through November 13. The award, which includes a cash prize, framed citation and a medal, will be presented in the spring semester at a ceremony and reception presided over by the Chancellor, officials of First Citizens Bank, the Dean of the Graduate School and University officers. Any full-time faculty member may be nominated and nominations may come from any UNC Charlotte faculty member. The First Citizens Bank Scholars Medal has been awarded since 1988 with last year's award going to Dr. James Walsh, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. More information on the award, nominating guidelines and previous recipients, is available on the [Graduate School](#) website.

Fall Semester Award Nomination Deadlines

O. Max Gardner Award	October 14, 2020
Honorary Degrees	October 21, 2020
Bonnie E. Cone Professorship in Civic Engagement	October 23, 2020
Harshini V. de Silva Graduate Mentor Award	November 6, 2020
First Citizens Bank Scholars Medal	November 13, 2020
Bank of America Award for Teaching Excellence	November 19, 2020
UNC Charlotte Award for Teaching Excellence	November 19, 2020
Bonnie E. Cone Early-Career Professorship in Teaching	December 11, 2020
Provost's Award for Excellence in Teaching	December 11, 2020
Provost's Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Academic Advising	December 11, 2020
Thomas L. Reynolds Leadership Award	TBD

WebJam 2020

On September 10 from 11:00-3:00, the University Career Center will host the Virtual UCC Web Jamboree 2020 as part of Gold Rush. This is a free event the Career Center hosts to kick off the new academic year, and will be partnering with the University Center for Academic Excellence, Office of Education Abroad, Student Involvement, Office of Identity, Equity, and Engagement, and Office of Undergraduate Research.

All students will be able to participate in this virtual event and must register to have access so they can participate in the many booths at the event. Students will have a chance to win a \$50 gift card at each booth they attend! There is over \$1000 in gift card giveaways provided by our employer partners! The booths will have our Career Center and partnering department staff on hand to talk with students about services, job & internship search, exploring majors, resume content, and how to get involved on campus to start building your brand.

The Career Center will emphasize fun and connection through WebJam 2020. Within each booth, there will be games & activities, a Virtual Escape Room, social media competitions, and students can connect with campus partners in an informal way. For more information visit go.uncc.edu/webjam.

Updates from ADVANCE Faculty Affairs and Diversity Office

Best Practices for Holistic Faculty Review

This training is intended to provide all Chairs, members of Unit and College Review Committees, and other interested faculty with information on best practices in reviewing faculty portfolios for reappointment, promotion, and tenure recommendations. The training is appropriate for all Colleges and is a collaboration between the Office of Legal Affairs and

ADVANCE FADO. Please [register](#) so that you may obtain links and updates as needed. There will also be opportunities for training in the spring.

- Thursday, September 10, 1:00 - 3:00 PM ([WebEx](#))
- Monday, September 14, 12:00 - 2:00 PM ([WebEx](#))

New Faculty Mentors

The deadline to apply for a new faculty mentor, outside of your home department, has been extended to September 15. Complete a [Mentor Request Form](#).

New Faculty Learning Community

The New Faculty Learning Community will be virtual this year and is open to both new faculty and second year faculty. A virtual presentation will be shared with faculty prior to a virtual "live" meeting with presenters, where faculty can ask questions related to the topic presented. The virtual Q&A sessions are scheduled each Tuesday from 1:40–2:20 p.m. starting September 8. Please go to the Canvas site or to the [ADVANCE website](#) for a listing of topics to be covered, and links to the virtual presentations and Tuesday afternoon Q&A sessions. Second year faculty, please contact [ADVANCE FADO](#) to get access to the Canvas site.

Faculty Recruitment Training

This training, which is required for faculty who intend to serve on a faculty search committee, has a new name – Best Practices for Inclusive Faculty Hiring. The training hasn't changed, just the name. A reminder -- the first part of the training is an online session in Canvas which covers forms, processes and other details. Search committee members will complete this online session each academic year they serve on a search committee. Faculty can complete this session at their own pace, at a time they choose. There is a short quiz after the session which faculty must take and receive a score of at least 70% before they have completed the online section of the training. The second part is the face-to-face session which search committee members are required to have completed within the past five years PRIOR to their service on a search committee. For more information and to sign up for face-to-face trainings this fall, please visit the [ADVANCE website](#).

CAPS Events for Students

The Christine F. Price Center for Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) will host a Fall Festival on Tuesday, September 15, 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. via Zoom (<https://uncc.zoom.us/j/99540173305>, password: CAPS). There will also be a mental health bingo night event co-hosted with Active Minds student organization on Tuesday, September 15 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom (<https://uncc.zoom.us/j/95436718169>). CAPS will provide digital attendance slips should any instructors need this for their students. Feel free to check out our website or social media (caps.uncc.edu, @uncccaps) for further details and individual descriptions of the events taking place that day.

Volunteers Needed: Distribution of Welcome Back to Campus Kits

A few weeks ago, UNC Charlotte employees managed to assemble 35,000 individual welcome back to campus kits with your help. It was a tremendous effort and we are grateful for every volunteer and supervisor who let their employees come to volunteer. It was a team effort! We appreciate all the volunteers that signed up for the original kit distribution next week (September 7- 11) but now with the delay of in-person classes, we have shifted distribution to October 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7. Please sign up [here](#) for the new days and shifts if you are able. We will need to fill four shifts at two stations for our commuter students to pick up their packages. One station will be at the quad between the COED and CHHS buildings and the other station will be in front of Prospector. For the protection of our volunteers and students, we will adhere to all social distancing guidelines and provide you with masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer.

CONNECT Training and Early Alerts

CONNECT training sessions will be offered virtually for Fall 2020. Advisors and faculty can request a training using the Google form on the [Academic Advising Technology Training webpage](#). These virtual training sessions can include Early Alert training. Early Alerts are due for all 1XXX/2XXX level courses by 12:00 p.m. on **Friday, October 2**. Departments may also request to schedule their own training session to be held during a departmental meeting by contacting Stephanie Westine, Advising Systems Administrator, or LeeFredrick Bowen, Director for Academic Advising Systems.

2021-2022 Faculty Research Grants Program

The Faculty Research Grants Committee is soliciting proposals for the 2021-2022 Faculty Research Grants (FRG) Program. Each individual project may have a maximum budget of \$8,000, including a stipend of up to \$4,200. Faculty

submitting joint proposals may request up to \$16,000 (\$8,000 per faculty member). Guidelines and application forms are available online at [FRG Guidelines and Forms](#). The deadline for submissions is 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 19, 2020.

To help you learn more about this internally funded program, Lesley Brown, Director of the Center for Research Excellence, will offer an overview session including discussions on how to write a persuasive proposal, how proposals are reviewed, and how to avoid problems with your budget. The session will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, September 16, from 3:00-4:00 p.m. If you are interested in attending the Zoom session, please contact [Susan Robinson](#). If you have questions about the FRG Program, please contact [Lesley Brown](#).

Office of International Programs



DailyChatter Newsletter: Free Subscription to Faculty, Staff, and Students

The Office of International Programs has teamed up with [DailyChatter](#), an international daily newsletter that curates some of the most interesting and important global developments and prepares a conversational, easy-to-read report designed to be read on your smartphone or any other digital device. DailyChatter is independent and non-partisan and your subscription is entirely free for as long as you or your students are part of UNC Charlotte. Feel free to invite your students to register for the free subscription. Learn how to [subscribe](#).



Global Engagement Scholars Program

The [Global Engagement Scholars Program](#) (GESP) is a program offered by the Office of International Programs and designed for students who wish to engage internationally at UNC Charlotte and develop global competency skills. Requirements include academic, co-curricular and international engagement components. The international engagement experience may be completed by living in a globally focused residence hall or finishing a globally focused internship or volunteer opportunity in Charlotte, not necessarily abroad. Please encourage your students who might be interested in global engagement to consider completing the GESP.

Atkins Library Fall Hours

Beginning today, Atkins' fall hours are Monday - Thursday, 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., Saturday, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., and Sunday, 1:00 - 9:00 p.m.; hours are subject to change when in-person classes begin. Library doors will be unlocked from opening until 5:00 p.m.; UNC Charlotte students, faculty, and staff will need their 49 Card for tap entry during other open hours. See the [Atkins Library Reopening Guide](#) for more information.

Writing Resources Center

The [Writing Resources Center](#) (WRC) offers writing support for students, faculty, and staff for anything involving writing, from generating ideas to interpreting feedback to learning strategies for revision. For Fall 2020, we will offer [online only tutoring](#) via e-tutoring (where you upload a document for tutor feedback) or video conferencing via Zoom. We will also offer video presentations for APA and MLA citation styles and a WRC introduction that are available to add to your Canvas sites. To request access to one of these presentations, please complete [this form](#). For office hours and to schedule an appointment, please visit [uncc.mywconline.com](#).

Resources for Instructors Teaching During Fall 2020

Resources for instructors teaching during Fall 2020 are available on the [Office of the Provost website](#). This includes suggested syllabus policies, how to handle student absences during COVID, a list of faculty mentors for remote instruction advice, Q&A from the General Faculty meeting and other helpful resources.

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](#)

Latest AA News

For up-to-the-minute news from Academic Affairs (faculty awards, research, recognition, initiatives), follow us on Twitter ([www.twitter.com/UNCC_Academics](#)) or visit the [Academic Affairs Division News webpage](#).

Upcoming Events

This Week:

- Sep-Dec** [UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens events](#)
- Sep-Dec** [Diversity events](#)
- Sep 10** [Virtual UCC Web Jamboree](#)
- Sep 10** [Best Practices for Holistic Faculty Review](#)

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

*The [DAA News Digest](#) is distributed each Monday to Academic Affairs faculty and staff.
Deadline for submission is 11:00 a.m. every Friday.
Send submissions to academicaffairs@uncc.edu.*