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### Call for Nominations: Research and Scholarship Excellence

The R1 Commission is calling for nominations among faculty to identify areas of scholarly research and creativity where collaborative networks of UNC Charlotte faculty currently excel or are poised to take a leadership position nationally and internationally. The R1 Commission is a committee of faculty and administrators charged with assessing UNC Charlotte's potential to advance to "R1 status" according to the Carnegie Classification system. Self-nominations are sought from diverse teams or clusters of campus researchers that include both established leaders and rising stars. We are particularly interested in identifying:

1. Broad, thematic areas where the university has already achieved a national level of distinction;
2. Areas where continued work, future investments, and new resources will significantly advance our research reputation, raise the profile of our research and scholarly programs, and accelerate our movement to R1.

To view the main categories and additional information about the nomination process, visit the [R1 Commission webpage](#). Nominations must be submitted electronically as an email attachment to [R1Commission@uncc.edu](mailto:R1Commission@uncc.edu) by 5:00 p.m. on February 24, 2021. Questions regarding this call for nominations should be directed to [R1Commission@uncc.edu](mailto:R1Commission@uncc.edu).

### Full-Time Faculty Requested to Complete COACHE Survey

All full-time faculty are encouraged to complete the COACHE Faculty Satisfaction survey, which is deployed to faculty at UNC Charlotte every three years. All full-time faculty should have received a link to the survey in your email to access the survey. Please be aware your responses are anonymous, and cannot be linked back to you. The COACHE Faculty Job Satisfaction Survey is designed specifically for faculty, and it dives deeper into issues that matter to faculty. Your responses are critically important, because they are used to identify areas of faculty life that are improving over time and highlight areas where there are opportunities for improvement. This data is used to inform strategies going forward to ensure all faculty have the resources, support, and opportunity to be successful at UNC Charlotte. Faculty can expect tangible outcomes once the data has been analyzed and strategies that are informed by the data to facilitate faculty success are implemented at the department, college and campus level. If you have not received the email, please contact ADVANCE FADO. For more [information](#), please see the ADVANCE FADO website and check out the list of incentives, which are linked to meeting certain participation thresholds.

### Ventureprise Launch NSF I-Corps Spring Applications Close Wednesday, 2/10

Join 300+ UNC Charlotte faculty and students that have already completed the Ventureprise Launch program. Apply to participate in the Spring 2021 Ventureprise Launch National Science Foundation I-Corps Virtual Cohort to receive up to \$5,000 for your research or business idea. The program provides UNC Charlotte faculty, staff and students with commercialization training and new NSF funding. Applications will close February 10. This virtual cohort with a tiered approach launches February 17. The goal of the program is to identify potential commercial uses for technology and

research. The next stage is a six month \$50,000 NSF I-Corps Teams grant. Applications are currently open and are reviewed as they are submitted. More information and the application form can be found on the [NSF I-Corps webpage](#). For additional questions, contact [Devin Collins](#) or [Laura Smailes](#).

## Atkins Research and Instruction Roundup for Spring '21 is Out Now

Research and Instructional Services (RIS) provides access to resources that support online teaching, as well as expertise in critical thinking and inquiry to incorporate into online instruction to enhance students' knowledge and help them better navigate library databases and journals. This newest [Research and Instruction Roundup](#) newsletter offers a look at a number of ways RIS can help UNC Charlotte faculty.

## Fulbright U.S. Scholar 2022-2023 Awards Open

The [Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program](#) offers teaching and research awards to U.S. citizens in more than 130 countries. College and university faculty and administrators can join the more than 400,000 Fulbrighters, including a robust list of UNC Charlotte Fulbright scholars, who have come away with enhanced skills, new connections, and greater mutual understanding. The application deadline is September 15, 2021. Interested parties are encouraged to learn more about these opportunities via the [Catalog of Awards](#) or consulting with [Joel Gallegos](#), assistant provost for international programs, UNC Charlotte's Fulbright scholar liaison.

## Training Session: Potential Higher Ed Legal Implications of New Presidential Administration

Join the attorneys from the Office of Legal Affairs (yes, all of them!) as they re-introduce themselves and discuss briefly how the new presidential administration might, or might not, affect higher education laws, policies, and practices. From immigration to Title IX, from COVID to college affordability, how might the new administration affect your daily work at the university?

- Tuesday, February 16, 10:00 - 11:00 AM, via Zoom\* (RSVP to [Melanie White](#))  
(\*Registrants will receive the Zoom link via email prior to the presentation.)

## CTI Hosts Teacher Open House to Introduce 2021 Seminars

The Charlotte Teachers Institute, an educational partnership with CMS, UNC Charlotte and Johnson C. Smith University, is focused on strengthening teaching through high-quality professional development seminars. The 2021 seminar topics include Southern children's literature, digital mapping and gentrification, childhood mental health, embodied teaching, climate refugee stories, philosophy and education, and the science and culture of Black women's hair. Visit CTI's [2021 Seminar page](#) to learn more about these amazing seminars for CMS teachers. And [register](#) for CTI's Open House on Feb. 11 to hear directly from the professors leading the seminars. Contact CTI Director [Dr. Scott Gartlan](#) with any questions.

## CONNECT Training and Early Alerts

CONNECT training sessions will be offered virtually for Spring 2021. 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 p.m. on Friday, February 19. 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.

## Faculty Toolkit for Teaching During the Pandemic

Resources for faculty and staff teaching and advising during the 2020-21 academic year are available on the [Office of the Provost website](#). This includes the new grade election procedure for Spring 2021, related FAQs, suggested syllabus policies, how to handle student absences during COVID, a list of faculty mentors for remote instruction advice, resources from the Center of Teaching and Learning 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](https://www.twitter.com/UNCC_Academics)) or visit the [Academic Affairs Division News webpage](#).

## Upcoming Events

**This Week:**

**Feb-May** [UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens events](#)

**Feb-May** [Diversity events](#)

**Feb 9** [The Community-Owned and Managed Research \(COMR\) Model for Equity in Research](#)

**Upcoming:** [provost.uncc.edu/division-news/weekly-news-digest/upcoming-events](https://provost.uncc.edu/division-news/weekly-news-digest/upcoming-events)

*The [DAA News Digest](#) is distributed each Monday to Academic Affairs faculty and staff.  
To have items included in the digest, complete the [NEWS DIGEST REQUEST FORM](#).  
Deadline for submission is 11:00 a.m. every Friday.*