

The Office of International Programs



Established at UNC Charlotte in 1975, the Office of International Programs (OIP) strives to strengthen international education 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. The OIP led by Assistant Provost Joël Gallegos provides overall leadership and direction for the office and its constituent units; develops, supports, and organizes a wide range of on- and off-campus programming; supports faculty development through various initiatives; guides the development of institutional agreements with foreign universities; and provides leadership and advice to promote campus internationalization efforts. The OIP Faculty Toolbox provides some highlights for faculty engagement in the University's internationalization work. Additional faculty resources are available online.

OIP-Facilitated Classroom Presentations

Study Abroad classroom presentations are offered by the Office of Education Abroad at any time throughout the year. During this engaging session, an OEA staff member will give students more information about the benefits to studying abroad, program offerings, costs, academic credit, next steps and more! In most cases, a UNC Charlotte study abroad alumni will accompany OEA staff to share their own study abroad experience. To learn more and request a classroom presentation for a day and time that works for you, please visit

edabroad.uncc.edu/classroompresentations

International Student Panel Discussions are provided by the International Student and Scholar Office, featuring a panel of international students trained as Cultural Ambassadors. Submit your request regarding your area of interest and ISSO staff will coordinate and facilitate a student panel. Go online in September 2017 to submit your request at isso.uncc.edu. Contact ISSO with any general questions at intlssso@uncc.edu.



International Education Week Opportunities

Funding for International Education Week Programming: November 13-17



Limited funding is available through OIP to support and co-sponsor departmentally-organized initiatives which advance campus internationalization for inclusion in International Education Week 2017. Faculty are encouraged to submit programs for inclusion in this week of lectures, presentations, and performances organized each November to celebrate our campus commitment to global and international understanding. Find event submission and funding request forms as well as listings of events from previous celebrations at oip.uncc.edu

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, especially those who may not otherwise become globally engaged. Today, employers are looking for graduates who have special skills that demonstrate that they are prepared for the challenges of the 21st century. Such skills include the ability to work in multicultural teams and in diverse contexts. GESP gives students access to international resources and the international community at UNC Charlotte. The program includes three components (academic, co-curricular and international experience) that culminate in a final portfolio project. Students should be able to complete the program in two years or less. For more information, please visit the OGEE website or email gloaleducation@uncc.edu.



Open Student Cultural Engagement Programs

International Coffee Hour

4:00 - 6:00pm in Prospector Faculty/Staff Gold Room
Contact: International Student and Scholar Office
intlssso@uncc.edu



International and US domestic students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to enjoy coffee and conversation at this monthly informal gathering. The first gathering is Thursday, September 7, 2017, and the program will continue on the first and third Thursdays of each month during the academic year.

Fall Study Abroad Fair

Wednesday, September 27, 10:00am - 2:00pm, SAC Food Court
Contact: Office of Education Abroad
edabroad@uncc.edu

The Annual Fall Study Abroad Fair will be held Wednesday, September 27 from 10am - 2pm in the Barnhardt Student Activity Center Food Court. Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to attend to learn more about education abroad opportunities available through UNC Charlotte. Stop by and speak with faculty leading programs abroad, study abroad alumni, and study abroad providers. For more information, contact the Office of Education Abroad at edabroad@uncc.edu.



Friendship and Culture Exchange Program

Application due by September 11
Contact: International Student and Scholar Office
intlssso@uncc.edu

Encourage your students to enroll in the FACE conversation partner program where US and international students are partnered in small groups and meet independently to exchange ideas and learn about their respective cultures. Information and application are available online at isso.uncc.edu/programs.

World Affairs Council of Charlotte

Application due by September 16

OIP is accepting nominations for a limited number of honorary student memberships to the World Affairs Council of Charlotte (WACC). WACC serves as a regional center for global education and engagement and is hosted on the UNC Charlotte campus in OIP. Student membership allows access to WACC's programming and networking at a reduced student rate. Upcoming WACC programs and more information can be found at worldaffairscharlotte.org. Nominations are accepted until Friday, September 16. For information on the nomination process, please contact gloaleducation@uncc.edu.



Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars

The Phi Beta Delta Mu Chapter at UNC Charlotte invites faculty to become members and participate in the Executive Board. Phi Beta Delta (PBD) 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 programming is created by the Executive Board in conjunction with the Office of Global Education and Engagement. An example includes the Global Perspective Series where faculty discuss a particular international topic in a small group presentation format. For more information visit: pbd.uncc.edu or contact the Phi Beta Delta Coordinator at: phibetadelta@uncc.edu.



Did you know? UNC Charlotte currently hosts nearly 2,000 international students from approximately 90 countries and sends over 740 students abroad each year.

Student & Staff Volunteer Opportunities

UNC Charlotte International Festival

Saturday, October 14, 10:00am - 6:00pm
Barnhardt Student Activity Center (SAC)
Register online by October 6

UNC Charlotte student, faculty, and staff are encouraged to volunteer for the UNC Charlotte International Festival. The UNC Charlotte International Festival is a celebration of people, places and culture vibrantly displayed through exhibition booths staffed by UNC Charlotte international students and members of Charlotte's international community. Art, crafts, costumes, food, music, dance, and games combine to create the experience of traveling the globe in one day. This magnificent and large scale event is not possible without the help of our volunteers each year. The Office of International Programs appreciates your ongoing support and looks forward to seeing you in October! Learn more and sign up by October 6, 2017, at ifest.uncc.edu/volunteer.



Volunteer Conversation Partners

Application due by August 31
Contact: English Language Training Institute
elti@uncc.edu

The English Language Training Institute (ELTI) enrolls roughly 100 students each semester from around the world, helping them to improve their English 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 express interest in working with international students or who are in search of service projects where the noted type of experience would be appropriate, then please advise them to contact Jessica Vang at jvang6@uncc.edu by the August 31 deadline.



10th Annual International Speaker Series Fall 2017

The Office of International Programs, in partnership with the World Affairs Council of Charlotte, the Department of Global Studies, and Atkins Library, is pleased to announce the fall lineup for the 2017-2018 International Speaker Series (ISS). The ISS features high profile speakers addressing global perspectives from various disciplinary lenses. The first installment of the 10th annual ISS will welcome H.E. Aung Lynn, Ambassador of Myanmar to the United States on Thursday, August 31st from 3:30pm to 5:00pm in the Atkins Library Halton Reading Room. Ambassador Lynn will discuss the culture, politics, and foreign relations of Myanmar. Please use **our online registration form to RSVP**. Faculty interested in reserving space to attend with their classes and/or arrange for an extra-credit sign-in sheet for their students should email globaleducation@uncc.edu. More information on the series can be found at oip.uncc.edu/iss. Please see below for the full fall lineup.



H.E. Aung Lynn, Ambassador of Myanmar to the United States

Introducing Myanmar: Culture, Politics, and Foreign Relations

Thursday, August 31, 2017

Time: 3:30 - 5:00 PM

Location: Atkins Library, Halton Reading Room



Dr. Bernard Weinstein, Global Energy Expert

Thursday, September 21, 2017

Time: 3:30 - 5:00 PM

Location: Atkins Library, Halton Reading Room



Dean Alexander, Homeland Security Expert
Global Terror and What It Means to Us

Thursday, October 19, 2017

Time: 3:30 - 5:00 PM

Location: Atkins Library, Halton Reading Room

OIP FACULTY TOOLBOX

Connect to Funding for Experiences Abroad

Encourage your students to attend one of these highlighted workshops for information on applying for and funding experiences abroad.

Direct students to edabroad@uncc.edu for more information or to RSVP.

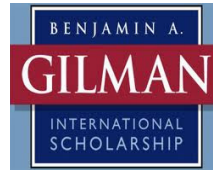
Fulbright US Student Grant Program



The Fulbright US Student Program provides grants for individually designed study/ research projects or for English Teaching Assistant

Programs. More details on Fulbright opportunities and links to the application are available at us.fulbrightonline.org. UNC Charlotte conducts an internal review/selection process. For more information, contact OEA Director and Fulbright Program Student Advisor, Brad Sekulich at sekulich@uncc.edu with questions.

Gilman International Scholarship



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 Office of Education Abroad offers both in-person and webinar workshops to discuss the Gilman scholarship, application process and tips on how to have a competitive application. To learn more and register for a workshop, please visit: edabroad.uncc.edu/gilmanscholarship

Boren Scholarships and Fellowships



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 critical to US

interests and 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 at borenawards.org.

Seeking Faculty to Partner on 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 throughout the year. OIEE has recently hosted groups from Japan, Australia, Brazil, and Mexico for programs focused on international business and comparative education, as well for language and cultural exchange. OIEE seeks faculty from across disciplines at UNC Charlotte as well as Charlotte area professionals for partnerships in existing and new program development. Faculty interested in developing new curriculum for groups or teaching for one of our current programs should contact intercultural@uncc.edu. OIEE is a program within the English Language Training Institute, a unit within OIP. General details about OIEE are available online at intercultural.uncc.edu.

Study Abroad Workshop for Advisors

The Office of Education Abroad provides a study abroad workshop for any faculty or staff who advise students. If you have questions or are interested on how to best advise your students on study abroad options at UNC Charlotte, please contact Beth Lorenz at elorenz3@uncc.edu, in the Office of Education Abroad to schedule a workshop for your department.



“Our institution has enjoyed a long and active tradition of supporting the internationalization and exchange efforts on our campus.” Phillip L. Dubois, Chancellor, UNC Charlotte

English Language Resources for UNC Charlotte International Students

The OIP English Language Training Institute offers three programs to support international graduate students and visiting scholars:

International Teaching Assistants (ITAs) Language Assessment

ITAs are assessed for language and instructional readiness skills before beginning their teaching assignments. As appropriate, attend a ITAs support course.

Visiting Scholars Language Support

UNC Charlotte visiting scholars are invited to attend a language support course to help develop spoken English skills as well as to share their experiences with fellow scholars.

International Graduate Students English Assistance

International graduate students at UNC Charlotte can take advantage of a six week spoken English support course focused on improving their spoken comprehensibility and pronunciation.

Support Program (IILSP) at ITAsupport@uncc.edu. The IILSP is a program within the English Language Training Institute (ELTI), a unit within OIP which offers intensive English training to non-native speakers. More information on ELTI is available at elti.uncc.edu.

Architecture for Global Learning

The Office of International Programs in partnership with the Phi Beta Delta Mu Chapter invite interested faculty and staff to join us for the NAFSA: Association of International Educators online professional enrichment series, Architecture for Global Learning. The series is designed to help faculty, scholars, and administrators strengthen their understanding of global learning and develop their capacity for translating mission-driven institutional global learning goals into concrete curricular and co-curricular experiences. If interested in the first installment on Thursday, September 21, from 1:30pm-2:30pm regarding Global Learning in a Time of Increased Xenophobia and Extreme Nationalism, then submit an email to phibetadelta@uncc.edu. Details for online registration for subsequent sessions will be provided at a later date. All spring sessions are scheduled for Thursdays. Participation is free.

- Global Learning in a Time of Increased Xenophobia and Extreme Nationalism (September 21, 1:30-2:30pm)
- Global Learning Across Disciplines (October 26, 2:30-3:30pm)
Global Learning in Foreign Language Instructions: More than Just Talk (November 9, 11:00am-12:00pm)
- Global Learning in the COIL Environment: How Is It Done, What Can Be Learned (February 2018)
- Global Learning in the Research Environment: Making the Most of Collaboration to Generate Innovation (March 2018)
- Assessment of Global Learning: Performance Targets vs. Developmental Growth (April 2018)

International Country Flags Available for Campus Use

The Office of International Programs (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 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 may contact international@uncc.edu for more information.



Global Career & Internship Resources

In keeping with the University's commitment to developing students' global competencies, the Office of International Programs has partnered with the University Career Center (UCC) to make the GoinGlobal online database of international jobs and internships available. In addition to internship information, the site provides country-specific, USA-city-specific, and H-1B resources. Access is available through the UCC website as well as through the OIP website at oip.uncc.edu/webform/goinglobal. Questions about international internships can be directed to the Office of Education Abroad at edabroad@uncc.edu or the UCC at career@uncc.edu.



International Education Faculty Award

Established in 1995, the Faculty International Education Award recognizes a faculty member for outstanding contribution to the enhancement of the international education experience at UNC Charlotte. Areas of excellence include various types of contribution, such as: teaching, research, curriculum development, program development, grant writing, university service, and/or community service. To be eligible for this award, individuals must hold a full-time faculty appointment at UNC Charlotte and must have held this appointment for at least three years. Each spring, a call for nominations is circulated via the OIP Global Partners Google Group (see below). Awardees Dr. Fitzgerald and Dr. Bissiere will share presentations about their international education work in Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 respectively.

2016-2017 International Education Faculty Awardee: Dr. Michèle Bissière



For the past 22 years, the Office of International Programs, in partnership with the Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars Mu Chapter, has awarded one faculty member for his/her excellence in promoting international education at UNC Charlotte. OIP is delighted to share that Dr. Michèle Bissière, Professor of French in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences' Department of Languages and Culture Studies, is the 2016-2017 recipient. Dr. Bissière excels in each element of scholarly engagement to promote international education: She has taught over twenty (20) different courses in French language, literature, and culture; extensively researched and published regarding French literature and French Film; designed and implemented study abroad engagement opportunities for UNC Charlotte; organized 10 French and International Film festivals for UNC Charlotte and the city; and served in regional and local leadership to promote international education, such as with the American Association of Teachers of French—the largest association of French teachers in the world. Please join OIP in congratulating Dr. Bissière!

2015-2016 International Education Faculty Awardee: Dr. Scott Fitzgerald



Dr. Scott Fitzgerald, Associate Professor of Public Policy and Director of the Graduate Studies in the Department of Sociology within the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS), received the 2016-2017 International Education Faculty Award. Dr. Fitzgerald is engaged in numerous opportunities at UNC Charlotte, in the Charlotte community, and internationally to develop students' global citizenship and enhance the global dimensions of learning. Examples of Dr. Fitzgerald's work includes: leadership of the Global Village Learning Community for more than five years; development and implementation of several short-term, faculty-led study abroad programs (i.e., Manchester, Netherlands, El Salvador); service as appointee with a select group of faculty identified by Provost Lorden to address internationalization and learning goals for UNC Charlotte's undergraduate curriculum; coordination of the CLAS Diversity group; and representative to the College as the Sociology Department's diversity liaison.

Join the Global Partners Google Group

The Global Partners Google group was created by the Office of International Programs (OIP) to share news, updates, and announcements with the UNC Charlotte campus community, our global partners. OIP expects to limit communication to the list to 2~3 messages a month, with our main monthly update distributed the first full week of each month.

To join the Global Partners group, [click here](#). You will need to be signed into your UNC Charlotte Gmail account to be able to join the group. If you are not already signed in, the site will prompt you to do so. Visit the OIP website for quick reference to Q&A. If you have additional questions about the group, contact OIP at international@uncc.edu.

