Greetings, Global Partners:

The Office of International Programs (OIP) is excited to announce a new platform for sharing our monthly updates. Look for our announcement at the start of each month, and posted online for ease of future reference. Below are highlights of the remaining OIP March events.

We welcome opportunity to collaborate on future programs. Please contact international@uncc.edu if you have suggestions regarding points of connection.

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March Announcement Highlights:
- **International Film Festival**: Wednesday, March 15 – Friday, April 7
- **OEA Spring Study Abroad Fair**: Tuesday, March 21
- **International Women’s Day Film Screening** (Monday, March 27) & **Celebration** (Tuesday, March 28)
- **Immigration Matters Update**
- **Fulbright Opportunities Announced**

### OIP MARCH 2017 EVENTS

**International Film Festival**
Join the CLAS Department of Languages and Culture Studies, in collaboration with the Chinese, French, German, Iranian, Nihon, Russian, and Spanish student organizations and sponsoring affiliates, for the 2017 UNC Charlotte International Film Festival. All events are free and open to the public. Films are subtitled and feature works from 15 countries.
For further details please visit [https://filmfest.uncc.edu/](https://filmfest.uncc.edu/).

**Various Locations**
Contact: mhbissie@uncc.edu
Tuesday, March 21  
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
Spring Study Abroad Fair  
Are you thinking about studying abroad? Join the Office and Education Abroad and CAB (the Campus Activity Board) for the annual spring fair: “Experience the World”. Learn about opportunities to study and work abroad. For more information visit: [http://edabroad.uncc.edu/spring-study-abroad-fair](http://edabroad.uncc.edu/spring-study-abroad-fair)  

Student Union Rotunda  
Contact: edabroad@uncc.edu

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**DEADLINE: Monday, March 27**  
5:00 PM  
2017 Crossing Boarders Student Writing Contest  
Current UNC Charlotte undergraduate, graduate, and ELTI students are invited to submit a short essay (no more than 1000 words) addressing “How my international experience has affected my world view.”

Monetary award prizes of $400 are provided to the first place recipient in each category, and two $175 honorary mention awards are issued per category. Please direct your students to the [online submission form](http://edabroad.uncc.edu/spring-study-abroad-fair) for details. Award winners will be recognized at the OIP International Education Celebration in April 2017.

Contact: phibetadelta@uncc.edu

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Monday, March 27  
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM  
International Women’s Day Film Screening: Growing Up Married (Turkish Child Brides Documentary)  
*Growing Up Married* is a documentary focusing on the stories of child brides recollecting their memories as adults. It explores what happens after child marriage by sharing the stories of four women, and making their experiences visible. The film contributes to debates around this significant, complex, and emotionally charged human rights issue that has often been discursively silenced. Join OIP for a screening and discussion of *Growing Up Married*, with director, Dr. Eylem Atakav.

Follow the link for additional details about the director and the complete film lineup for the [UNC Charlotte International Film Festival 2017](http://edabroad.uncc.edu/spring-study-abroad-fair).

Belk Gym, Room 201  
Contact & RSVP: international@uncc.edu

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Tuesday, March 28  
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM  
12th Annual UNC Charlotte International Women’s Day Celebration  
Celebrate internationally-minded women on campus at the International Women's Day reception. The celebration will recognize individuals involved in international and/or women’s issues who have been nominated by their peers. All students, faculty, and staff on campus are welcome and encouraged to join.

Student Union 340  
Contact & RSVP: international@uncc.edu
**Confucius Institute Public Opening Celebration**

Join OIP in partnership with the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences for the public opening celebration of the new Confucius Institute at UNC Charlotte within the CLAS Department of Languages and Culture Studies. The celebration will include Chinese dance and musical performance followed by a reception. [Registration](mailto:registration) is requested.

*Mcknight Hall, Cone Center*

Contact: [Min.Jiang@uncc.edu](mailto:Min.Jiang@uncc.edu)

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**NEWS, INFORMATION, AND RESOURCES FROM OIP**

**Immigration Matters Update**

On Friday, March 3, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced that the government will suspend premium processing for all H-1B petitions filed on or after April 3, 2017. The University of North Carolina at Charlotte understands the effects these changes may have on our international community. Communication to various constituents was previously shared via email. In case you did not receive the update, anyone involved with the hiring process for an international faculty member requiring the H-1B visa should immediately consult with the International Student and Scholar Office (ISSO): [intlss@uncc.edu](mailto:intlss@uncc.edu) or 704.687.7781.

As a reminder, ISSO has established a new website page for ongoing updates regarding critical immigration updates; please visit the “[Important Immigration Information](https://www.uncc.edu/inside/uncc/iosso/immigration)” site for additional details.

**Fulbright U.S. Scholarships: Awards for 2018-2019 Announced**

*Applications for most awards are due August 1, 2017*

The 2018-2019 competition for the [Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program](https://bridge.state.gov/) is now open. The Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program offers teaching, research, and combination teaching/research awards in over 125 countries for the 2018-2019 academic year. Opportunities are available for college and university faculty and administrators as well as for professionals, artists, journalists, scientists, lawyers, independent scholars, and many others. Interested faculty and professionals are encouraged to learn more about core Fulbright U.S. Scholar opportunities by visiting the online [Catalog of Awards](https://fulbright.state.gov/). General Fulbright information is always available online at [https://eca.state.gov/fulbright](https://eca.state.gov/fulbright).

Contact OIP at [international@uncc.edu](mailto:international@uncc.edu) if you wish to meet with one of the UNC Charlotte Fulbright representatives: Assistant Provost Joël Gallegos or Associate Director Dr. Christina Sanchez.
The Office of International Programs values faculty and student involvement in programming that strives to promote international understanding and global awareness. OIP also welcomes opportunities to collaborate with faculty on initiatives that advance international perspectives. To explore possible connections, contact the Office of International Programs at international@uncc.edu or 704.687.7755.