Engagement Opportunities Abound at the 39th Annual UNC Charlotte International Festival

Plan to join us and encourage your students to explore more than 50 cultural displays at the 39th annual UNC Charlotte International Festival, Saturday, September 20. Through the arts, crafts, costumes, food, music, and dance showcased, the festival is rich with opportunities to connect to relevant course themes.

The Festival is a campus tradition that has endless potential to engage your students around our self and cultural awareness learning outcome, as well as other developmental areas. Faculty are encouraged to consider incorporating curriculum opportunities linked to the program such as: reflective essay on passport prompt questions, video blog/diary of cultural discoveries, interview assignment with appropriate country representatives, and more!

Sign-in sheets are available on site and can be distributed to faculty wishing to grant credit for attending and/or volunteering for the event. Contact OIP for additional engagement and reflection assignment ideas. Details about the International Festival are available online at ifest.uncc.edu.

Invite International Perspectives into Your Classroom

Classroom Presentations on Education Abroad:
Expand your students’ horizons with an engaging 30- or 60-minute introduction to the study abroad experience from staff in the Office of Education Abroad (OEA). Contact OEA at edabroad@uncc.edu.

Cultural Ambassador Presentations:
Incorporate international perspectives through a panel presentation featuring international students facilitated by trained staff. Contact International Student/Scholar Office at intlsso@uncc.edu.

Funding for International Education Week Programming: November 17-21
Limited funding is available through OIP to support and co-sponsor departmentally-organized initiatives which advance campus internationalization for inclusion in International Education Week 2014. 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/programs-speakers-and-events/international-education-week.

International Education Week to Feature Study Abroad Program Development Workshop
Are you a faculty member interested in designing an education abroad program? Faculty interested in learning how to develop, implement, and lead a short-term study abroad program are invited to join the Office of Education Abroad for a workshop to be held during IEW. To learn more, contact edabroad@uncc.edu.
Encourage your Students to Engage Globally

**Fall Study Abroad Fair**
*Wednesday, September 17 between CHHS and COED*
Contact: Office of Education Abroad
edabroad@uncc.edu

Explore academic opportunities abroad at this twice-yearly fair featuring faculty and student study abroad alums eager to share their experiences. Staff from the Office of Education Abroad as well as from external providers of academic programs around the world will be on hand to answer questions from 10:00am-2:30pm.

**International Coffee Hour**
*4:00-6:00pm in the Prospector Faculty/Staff Gold Room*
Contact: International Student/Scholar Office
intlsso@uncc.edu

International and U.S. domestic students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to enjoy coffee and conversation at this informal gathering. The first gathering is Thursday, September 4 and the program will continue on the first and third Thursdays of each month.

**Volunteer Conversation Partners**
Contact: English Language Training Institute
elti@uncc.edu

The English Language Training Institute (ELTI) enrolls roughly 250 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 this type of experience would be appropriate, direct them to ELTI.

**Friendship and Culture Exchange Program**
Contact: International Student/Scholar Office
intlsso@uncc.edu

Encourage your students to enroll in this one-on-one conversation partner program where US and international students are matched and meet independently to exchange ideas and learn about their respective cultures. Information and application are available online at isso.uncc.edu/programs/international-friendship-culture-exchange-program.

**International Speaker Series**
Contact: Office of International Programs
Locations for specific speakers available online
international@uncc.edu

Join your students to engage with speakers on topics ranging from economics to globalization and foreign policy. Past speakers have included political dignitaries, current or former ambassadors, and prominent scholars in their fields. One installation of the Fall 2014 speaker series is noted below, and others will be announced. For more information on the series, see oip.uncc.edu/calendar/international-speaker-series.

**Dr. Badrul Alam**
Author of *Contours of India's Foreign Policy: Changes and Challenges*
*Thursday, September 25 from 3:30-5:00pm*
Dale Halton Reading Room, Atkins Library

Dr. Badrul Alam from Jamia Millia Islamia University in New Delhi, India, will discuss current affairs between India and the United States and share insights from his 2014 book which explores elements of India’s foreign policy. Prior to visiting UNC Charlotte, Alam will deliver the keynote address at the India Symposium hosted by Winston Salem State University.
For a full listing of resources from the Office of International Programs, including funding opportunities for research or teaching abroad, see http://oip.uncc.edu/resources/resources-faculty-and-staff.

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
Wednesday, August 27
1:00-3:00pm
CHHS 128

The Fulbright US Student Program provides grants for individually designed study/research projects or for English Teaching Assistant Programs. UNC Charlotte students can learn more about these prestigious grants and how to apply for them at this workshop with staff from the Office of Education Abroad. More details on the Fulbright are available at http://us.fulbrightonline.org/.

Gilman Scholarship Program
Wednesday, September 24
4:00-5:00pm
Location provided upon RSVP

The Gilman Scholarship Program offers awards to US undergraduates receiving Federal Pell Grant funding to diversify the demographics of students who study abroad and their destinations. Awards typically range between $1,000 and $5,000. Office of Education Abroad staff will provide guidance and advice for completing competitive applications.

Boren Scholarships and Fellowships
Wednesday, August 27
11:00am-12:00pm
Cone Center 112

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 including Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East.

English Language Resources for International Teaching Assistants and Faculty

The International Instructor Language Support Program (IILSP) has three main roles at UNC Charlotte:

- To screen all International Teaching Assistants (ITAs) verifying their competency in teaching UNC Charlotte undergraduate populations, as dictated by state and University requirements. IILSP provides classes for those ITAs who need further competency before they are cleared for classroom duties.
- To provide screening of all non-native English speaking candidates for full-time faculty positions and provide confidential English language support for faculty or visiting scholars.
- To provide workshops to departments seeking further training on working with non-native speaking populations.

For testing or other information contact 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.
For a full listing of resources, including funding opportunities for research or teaching abroad, see [http://oip.uncc.edu/resources/resources-faculty-and-staff](http://oip.uncc.edu/resources/resources-faculty-and-staff).

**Call for Nominations: Sponsored Student Memberships to the World Affairs Council of Charlotte**

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 will allow 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 19. For information on the nomination process, please contact international@uncc.edu.

**Global Career 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 Going Global 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 [http://oip.uncc.edu/studentinfo.htm](http://oip.uncc.edu/studentinfo.htm). 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 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.