Scholars work directly with faculty mentors.

“Doing research is a skill, and can be further developed by participation and mentoring,” says Dr. Srinivas Akella, an associate professor in the Department of Computer Science. “By exposing our undergraduates to the fun of doing research, we enhance our ability to recruit trained, top-notch students for our graduate programs. Undergraduate students often do amazing things because they don’t know what cannot be done!”

A doctoral, research-intensive university, UNC Charlotte is the largest institution of higher learning in the Charlotte region. The University comprises seven colleges and currently offers 21 doctoral programs, over 60 master’s degree programs, and more than 90 programs leading to bachelor’s degrees. Enrollment exceeds 25,000, including over 5,100 graduate students.
Research opportunities:
The Charlotte Research Scholars program supports research training in all areas of academic research at UNC Charlotte, including:

Africana Studies
Anthropology
Arts & Architecture
Bioinformatics
Biology
Business
Chemistry
Communication Studies
Computer Science
Earth Science
Economics
Education
Engineering
Geography
Geology
Health & Human Services
Humanities
International Studies
Kinesiology
Mathematics
Meteorology
Physics
Political Science
Psychology
Sociology
Software & Information Systems
Systems Engineering

“Part of the value in attending a research university as an undergraduate is being able to learn in an environment that allows you to take part in the process of discovery.”

- University Provost Dr. Joan Lorden

The Charlotte Research Scholars program is a summer program begun in 2012 for high-achieving undergraduate students to gain experience in research and professional development in their field of interest. These opportunities are not typically available in the undergraduate classroom. This **learn-by-doing** model places an emphasis on graduate education and allows the Scholars to put their experiential learning into practice, preparing them to excel in their future studies and research.

In addition to mentored research activities, scholars participate in weekly professional development training to build skills critical to professional success. Topics include: responsible conduct of research, developing a competitive research fellowship application, preparing an academic resume, professional communication tools, and a session on preparing for graduate school.

The program culminates with the Summer Research Symposia, where students participating in summer research programs on campus present their research results. The Summer Research Symposia is free and open to the public.

For more information, visit us on the web at [http://graduateschool.uncc.edu/CRS](http://graduateschool.uncc.edu/CRS).

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