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Upcoming Deadlines

• Last day to apply for Graduation – Feb. 6
• Dissertation formatting review deadline – Mar. 10
• Last day to withdraw from a course – Mar. 20
• Priority Funding Deadline – Apr. 1
• Dissertation Defense Deadline – Apr. 7
• National Signing Day/Deadline for Funded Students to Accept Offers – Apr. 15
• Dissertation Submission Deadline – Apr. 17
• Secondary Funding Nomination Deadline – May 15

More deadlines and events: http://registrar.uncc.edu/calendar.

Graduate Academic Affairs

Who are the Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistants?

The Graduate School's Center for Graduate Life is accepting nominations for the Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Awards for 2016-2017. Deadline submission is 5:00pm, Mar. 3.

The Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award recognizes students nominated by their faculty supervisors for their contributions as teaching assistants. Awards are at the Doctoral and Master's levels. For more information, visit http://gradlife.uncc.edu/resources/graduate-student-competitions.
DegreeWorks Goal: No Graduation Surprises

As the Graduate School completed its first graduation using DegreeWorks, the new system already is delivering benefits.

Implemented over the past year, DegreeWorks reduced the time to complete fall semester graduation clearance from over six weeks to only three days. The improvement enabled graduating students to get their transcripts to prospective employers almost immediately.

“As more and more students and faculty are finding, DegreeWorks is an awesome tool that clarifies the graduation process and helps students stay on track,” said James Birkett, Associate Director for Graduate Academic Affairs. “And when DegreeWorks is used as part of advisory sessions, it helps ensure that both student and advisor stay on the same page and eliminates surprises down the road.”

More information on DegreeWorks is available at http://graduateschool.uncc.edu/faculty-and-staff/admissions-recruitment-retention/degree-works.

Graduate Research Symposium Scheduled Mar. 27

Graduate students will have an opportunity to present their work at the 17th Annual Graduate Research Symposium Mar. 27 in the Student Union. For more information, visit http://suar.orgsync.com/org/gpsguncc/GRS.

Summer Research Program Open to Rising Seniors

Up to 60 UNC Charlotte rising seniors will have an opportunity to gain research experience this year through a 10-week summer research program funded by the Charlotte Research Scholars Program (CRS).

The application deadline is February 24, and the program runs from May 22 to July 28.

For more information, visit: http://graduateschool.uncc.edu/news/summer-research-program-open-rising-seniors.

2017 OneTeam Leadership Experience Scheduled

The Graduate School is looking for four exceptional students who want to uncover how their experiences shape their leadership style and use these insights to acquire influential and authentic leadership skills.

The dates for the Leadership Experience workshop are April 24-26 with a follow-up session on May 24. The Graduate School covers the fee to attend ($2,000).

Contact Coren O’Hara, ceohara@uncc.edu, to nominate a student. For more information, visit http://oneteamleadership.com.
Recruitment and Admissions

Register to attend The National Conference on Undergraduate Research in Memphis

The National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) is April 6-8 at The University of Memphis, featuring The Graduate School Expo April 6-7. More than 4,000 high-achieving undergraduate students from across the country will present their research and creative projects. For more information, visit http://www.cur.org/ncur_2017/.

The Graduate School has a table registered for the Expo and invites all interested to register for a table. Registrations will go fast. If you are interested in attending, please contact Maryanne Maree-Sams, Graduate Enrollment Counselor, MaryanneMaree-Sams@uncc.edu.

Fall 2017 Application for Admission Update

Compared to this time last year, international applications for admission are down about 14%, while domestic applications are up roughly 15%. For support to recruit and enroll your fall 2017 class, contact Maryanne Maree-Sams, MaryanneMaree-Sams@uncc.edu.

Immigration Developments and Impact on the UNC Charlotte International Community

The Graduate School staff and International Student Scholar Office staff is closely monitoring the effects of the President’s new Executive Orders to understand impacts to our foreign scholars. Given the fluidity of the situation, we encourage the UNC Charlotte community to follow updates on the ISSO’s website: http://isso.uncc.edu/home/important-immigration-information.

Funding Opportunities

GPD Nomination Required for Some Donor-Supported Fellowships

Three donor-supported fellowships for new students are available only if a Graduate Program Director nominates them. Students cannot access these fellowships directly.

Those requiring GPD nomination are the:

- Wayland H. Cato Jr. First-Year Graduate Fellowship
- Herschel and Cornelia Everett Foundation First-Year Graduate Fellowship for a master’s student
- Herschel and Cornelia Everett Foundation First-Year Graduate Fellowship for a doctoral student.

To nominate a student, visit https://ninerscholars.uncc.edu/Nominate/. Once you submit the nomination, the fellowship will appear as an award to which they can apply. It is important to submit nominations soon to give students time to complete a competitive application.

The application deadline for all donor-supported fellowships is March 1, 2017.

Reynolds Graduate Student Research Award Applications Accepted Beginning Mar. 1

The application window for the Thomas L. Reynolds Graduate Student Research Award is from Mar. 1-Apr.1, 2017.

For more information on the award, which is valued at up to $1,500, visit [http://graduateschool.uncc.edu/funding/graduate-school-funding](http://graduateschool.uncc.edu/funding/graduate-school-funding) or contact Christi Skerlak, Executive Assistant to the Dean, cskerlak@uncc.edu.

Funding Nomination Deadline for New Students is April 1

April 1 is the priority deadline to nominate newly admitted students for funding through the Graduate School. For details on available awards and the nomination mechanisms, visit [http://graduateschool.uncc.edu/faculty-and-staff/funding-information-faculty](http://graduateschool.uncc.edu/faculty-and-staff/funding-information-faculty).

Fall 2017 Funding Opportunities Available for New Students

Three funding opportunities are available for new doctoral, master’s, and certificate students enrolling Fall Semester 2017.

The three include:
- GASP – provides tuition plus health insurance premium support
- Master’s Merit Award – a two-year award that is auto-renewed
- Graduate School Grant – a cash award for master’s degree and certificate students.

For details visit: [http://graduateschool.uncc.edu/faculty-and-staff/funding-information-faculty](http://graduateschool.uncc.edu/faculty-and-staff/funding-information-faculty) or email Dr. Julie Goodliffe, Director of Fellowships and Funding, jmgoodli@uncc.edu.

Dr. Goodliffe is available on Tuesdays from 3:30-5 p.m. to help enrolled students locate and apply for competitive fellowships. For an updated list of upcoming fellowship deadlines, visit [http://graduateschool.uncc.edu/funding](http://graduateschool.uncc.edu/funding).

Veteran Assistantships Available for 2017

The Graduate School is offering assistantships valued at up to $49,000 for veteran students beginning graduate studies in Fall Semester 2017.

More information can be found at [http://graduateschool.uncc.edu/funding/graduate-school-funding](http://graduateschool.uncc.edu/funding/graduate-school-funding) or contact Dr. Alan Freitag, Assistant Dean, arfreita@uncc.edu.

Full Travel Funding Available for Fulbright Outreach Lecturing Fund

Fulbright Outreach Lecturing Fund ([http://www.cies.org/program/outreach-lecturing-fund](http://www.cies.org/program/outreach-lecturing-fund)) provides full travel funding for Fulbright Visiting Scholars to speak to your classes and participate in academic events. This collaborative effort is designed to enrich cultural understanding among Fulbright Scholars, students, and faculty.

Visit [http://www.cies.org/](http://www.cies.org/) to learn more about the program and to explore the directory of visiting scholars. Contact Alan Freitag in the Graduate School, arfreita@uncc.edu or by phone x77312 with questions.
Graduate Enrollment Management

Access the eGEM system often for updated resources on spring 2017 enrollment, resources to support your recruitment and retention efforts, and to update your Graduate Enrollment Management Plan.

Virtual Enrollment Management Fairs Coming in March, April

NAGAP, The Association for Graduate Enrollment Management, and CareerEco, a virtual recruiting platform, are offering virtual education and development fairs across a variety of disciplines this spring. For more information visit [https://www.nagap.org/spring-virtual-fairs-careereco](https://www.nagap.org/spring-virtual-fairs-careereco). Contact Maryanne Maree-Sams (MaryanneMaree-Sams@uncc.edu) or Marianne Williford (mwillif4@uncc.edu) to participate.

Center for Graduate Life

3MT Participants Sharpen Delivery Skills

Graduate students preparing their master’s thesis or doctoral dissertation took to the stage Jan. 19 to demonstrate how well they could pack all that research into a three-minute presentation.

The now global 3MT program that got its start at the University of Queensland tests presenters’ skills at communicating complex concepts to the public in a way that engages and ensures understanding.

To read more about this year’s competition visit: [http://graduateschool.uncc.edu/news/unc-charlotte-3mt-competition-pilot-winners](http://graduateschool.uncc.edu/news/unc-charlotte-3mt-competition-pilot-winners).

Applications for Graduate Life Fellows Open Feb. 6

The Graduate School will be accepting applications for Graduate Life Fellows (GLFs) starting Feb. 6.

Up to five GLFs from various programs and degree levels will be appointed. Each GLF receives an award of $5,000, which may accompany a graduate assistantship.

Application deadline is Mar. 13. For details, visit [http://gradlife.uncc.edu/grad-life-fellows](http://gradlife.uncc.edu/grad-life-fellows).

Upcoming Events at the Center for Graduate Life:

Graduate Appreciation Week is February 20-24! Below are a few of the events scheduled; for complete information and registration information visit [http://gradlife.uncc.edu/](http://gradlife.uncc.edu/).

Annual Graduate Student Etiquette Dinner February 21
Co-Sponsored by Graduate Professional Student Government (GPSG) and the Graduate School’s Center for Graduate Life, the event teaches the finer points of dining etiquette. Hosted by Mrs. Lisa Dubois. Registration is required and opens Feb. 3. For information, visit [gpsg.uncc.edu](http://gpsg.uncc.edu).

Essential Leadership Skills in Today’s Work Environment Feb. 22

This first in a three-part series explores how human characteristics relate to contemporary leadership models.

Completion of all three sessions in the module results in a transcript notation. Consecutive sessions are scheduled March 15 and April 5.
Participation is limited to 10 graduate students. To sign up, go to http://gradlife.uncc.edu/events/leadership-essentials-todays-work-environment.

**Graduate Student ‘Paint and Sip’**
Graduate students can take a break from their studies and reveal their creative side.

Supplies provided by GPSG. To register, visit https://docs.google.com/a/uncc.edu/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc8j6R9XN7hQhBcotUr30CUsar2BWXCZ8KOdfpbXROvHcblw/viewform?c=0&w=1

**Spring Dissertation Boot Camp Registration Open**
The spring Dissertation Boot Camp Mar. 7-10 will provide a great opportunity for doctoral students to make significant progress on their dissertation. The boot camps offer a quiet space to work, structured writing time, and writing-related resources and support. For more information, visit http://gradlife.uncc.edu/events/spring-dissertation-boot-camp-1.

**Personalized Dissertation Support Available**
Learn strategies for managing the dissertation process, as well as how to plan, draft and revise dissertation writing and much more. Support is available Mon.-Wed. by appointment. Contact Dr. Lisa Russell-Pinson, Faculty Associate for Writing at lpinson@uncc.edu.

Support also is available from doctoral candidate Haadi Jafarian of the College of Computing and Informatics who serves as the Center’s Doctoral Writing Fellow. Contact Haadi at gradlifefellows@uncc.edu.

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