



DIVISION OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

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December 11 Award Nomination Deadline

The nomination deadline for the following awards is December 11, 2020. Please consider nominating and honoring your colleagues. More detailed information can be found on the [Awards & Honors](#) page of the Office of the Provost website.

- [Bonnie E. Cone Early-Career Professorship in Teaching](#)
- [Provost's Award for Excellence in Teaching](#)
- [Provost's Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Academic Advising](#)
- [Thomas L. Reynolds Leadership Award](#)

Spring Graduate Student Orientation

Spring orientation for new graduate students will be conducted online January 19 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. The orientation will serve as an official welcome to graduate students and help them learn about the support offered by the Center for Graduate Life (CGL). Incoming graduate students can [register](#) to receive the Zoom link. More information on Spring Orientation is available from the [Center for Graduate Life](#). The CGL has also updated the [New Graduate Student Onboarding Portal](#) to help students prepare for their move to Charlotte and their successful transition to graduate school.

Center for Teaching and Learning Resources and Workshops

Delivering Final Exams & Submitting Final Grades

Final Exams begin in just a little over two weeks on December 17. Review the resources below to prepare to finish the semester strong.

- [Consider an Alternative Assessment for your Final Exam](#)
- [Finishing the Semester Strong: With Online Activities](#)
- Understand the Grading Policy Exceptions Available in 2020 - 2021
 - [Undergraduate Students](#) (Fall 2020, Spring & Summer 2021)
 - [Graduate Students](#) (Fall 2020)
- [Use the Canvas to Banner Grade Submission Tool](#)

Start Planning For Your Spring Online Courses

It is never too early to get a jump-start on the next semester. Take advantage of the Center for Teaching and Learning's custom programs for online course design.

- Putting the "Personal" in Personalized Online Learning
Wednesday, December 2, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM ([Register](#))
- Designing Your Online Course (DYOC) (Two-day session, QM program)
Thursday & Friday, December 3 & 4, 1:00 - 4:00 PM ([Register](#))
- Active Learning Open Discussion Forum
Tuesday, December 8, 12:30 - 1:30 PM ([Register](#))

Important Canvas Update: New Rich Content Editor (RCE)

The Rich Content Editor (RCE) is also commonly referred to as the text editing toolbar or menubar and appears when you edit any page, assignment, discussion, etc. This update will also relocate the right hand menu where you would previously have added links, files, and images. This will be a very different look and feel. We recommend you review the materials below to prepare for this change as soon as possible. This change will go into effect campus-wide on December 23.

- [NEW RCE Video for Everyone \(Video\)](#)
- [NEW RCE for Instructors \(FAQs\)](#)
- [NEW RCE for Students \(FAQs\)](#)
- [How do I use the menubar in the New Rich Content Editor as an Instructor \(FAQ\)](#)

Office of Undergraduate Research News

Summer 2021 Call for Faculty Applications for OUR Summer Research Program

Save the date for the Summer 2021 Call for Faculty Applications for the Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR) Summer Research Program. Faculty Applications will be accepted November 16 through December 11 at 5 p.m. The OUR Summer Research Program will begin on Tuesday, June 1, 2021, and end on Tuesday, August 4, 2021. Please click the link to complete the Faculty Summer Project Form: [2021 OUR Summer Call for Faculty Projects Form](#). For more information, visit [OUR website](#) or call 704-687-5316.

2021 Undergraduate Research Conference

Save the date for the virtual 2021 UNC Charlotte Undergraduate Research Conference (URC), scheduled for Thursday, April 15, and Friday, April 16, 2021. The conference will use the ForagerOne platform. Students will record short 2-3 minute videos for poster presentations and 10-12 minute videos for oral presentations. Students are required to submit an abstract as part of the registration. URC 2021 registration will open on Monday, January 25, 2021, and close at 5 p.m. on Friday, February 26, 2021.

Faculty Toolkit for Teaching During the Pandemic

Resources for faculty and staff teaching and advising during the 2020-21 academic year are available on the [Office of the Provost website](#). This includes the new grading exception policy, FAQs, suggested syllabus policies, how to handle student absences during COVID, a list of faculty mentors for remote instruction advice, resources from the Center of Teaching and Learning and other helpful resources.

Dissertation Defenses

The dissertation defense is one of the ways a new scholar demonstrates readiness to join the academy and is an opportunity to share their research widely. [View All Dissertation Defense Announcements](#)

Latest AA News

For up-to-the-minute news from Academic Affairs (faculty awards, research, recognition, initiatives), follow us on Twitter (www.twitter.com/UNCC_Academics) or visit the [Academic Affairs Division News webpage](#).

Upcoming Events

This Week:

- Nov-Dec** [UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens events](#)
- Nov-Dec** [Diversity events](#)
- Nov 30** [Designing Effective Online Courses](#) (online workshop)
- Dec 2** [A Life of Art and Activism: Celebrating T.J. Reddy](#) (virtual)

Next Week:

- Dec 8** [W+GRA Panel: Women in Public Service Leadership](#) (virtual)

Upcoming: provost.uncc.edu/division-news/weekly-news-digest/upcoming-events

Send submissions to academicaffairs@uncc.edu.