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Six Niners Advance as Fulbright U.S. Student Program Semi-Finalists

The Office of International Programs is pleased to announce that [six UNC Charlotte students and alumni have been selected as semi-finalists](#) in the 2021-2022 [Fulbright U.S. Student Program grant competition](#). These six Niners represent 75 percent of UNC Charlotte's Fulbright U.S. Student Program applicant pool this year, which the Program posits as the most competitive application cycle in the history of the award. The Fulbright U.S. Student Program is administered on campus by the [Office of Education Abroad](#) and UNC Charlotte's Fulbright Student Program Advisor.

Nominations Open for Honors Faculty Appointment and Reappointment

Each spring, the Honors College invites nominations to the Honors Faculty. Faculty may apply directly using [this form](#); the Honors College will communicate the nomination request to your department chair. This process runs concurrently with the process for Honors Faculty reappointments (terms expire every five years unless renewed), so if you are already a member of the Honors Faculty and your term is ending, you will receive an email from the Honors College asking you to fill out the form. Applications for both initial appointment and reappointment will be reviewed by a subcommittee of the Honors Council, which will make recommendations to the Executive Director of the Honors College. Nominations are due Monday, March 15. Appointments begin July 1. For more information, including criteria, visit the [Honors Faculty webpage](#).

Ken Lambla Named to AIA College of Fellows

Ken Lambla, professor of architecture and founding dean of the College of Arts + Architecture (CoA+A), has been named to the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), the AIA's highest membership honor. Only three percent of AIA members achieve Fellowship (FAIA) status, honored, according to the AIA, "for their exceptional work and contributions to architecture and society." Lambla was nominated under Object Two: "To advance the science and art of planning and building by advancing the standards of architectural education, training, and practice." [Read more](#).

Office of Undergraduate Research Journal

The Office of Undergraduate Research is accepting student submissions for the *UNC Charlotte Undergraduate Research Journal* from March 1 to May 3, 2021. For more information on submission requirements and registration, please visit the [UNC Charlotte Undergraduate Research Journal](#).

Coming in March: Duo for Students

Throughout 2021, a [Duo for Students requirement](#) will roll out to all student NinerNET accounts. Please note that students can authenticate using their mobile phones, which they would then need to access single sign-on services such as Canvas and Banner (even during exams). The Duo for Students requirement follows guidance provided by the UNC System ([UNC Policy Manual and Code](#), section 1400.3).

Ventureprise Announces 49er Impact Pitch Competition

Ventureprise is offering students a chance to make an impact - and they get to choose their path. Do you have an idea and want to pivot it into a business? Or are you interested in social impact and want to examine social ideas and look at ways to turn them into a program, non-profit or social endeavor? The [49er Impact virtual event](#) gives students the opportunity to take ideas to the next level and compete for cash, prizes and a summer mentorship program to launch their idea. Teams can win over \$1500 for their ideas. [Applications](#) are due March 15, 2021.

Nominations Open for 2021-22 Graduate Fellowships

Graduate Program Director (GPD) nominations are required by March 15 for some 2021-22 Graduate School Fellowships such as the Wayland H. Cato Jr. First-Year Doctoral Fellowship and the Herschel and Cornelia Everett Foundation First-Year Graduate Fellowship. These fellowships are funded by donors for need-based and merit awards that recognize excellent students for their academic achievement and provide assistance to those who demonstrate financial need. More information on fellowships is available from the Graduate School's [Student Funding](#) site. Nominations must be submitted by March 15. Student applications must be completed by March 30. To nominate, GPDs can access the awards in the University [Scholarship Portal](#).

Graduate School Needs Assessment Launched

The Graduate School recently launched its biennial Graduate Needs Assessment Survey to gauge needs and experiences of students. The survey, conducted by the Center for Graduate Life, takes about ten minutes to complete and provides valuable insights to inform University decisions about support and programming. Data collection will continue through March 17 and all graduate students are encouraged to participate. More information and access to the survey questionnaire is available at [Graduate Student Needs Assessment 2020-2021](#). Survey participants may choose to enter a random drawing for a \$25 Amazon gift card.

J. Murrey Atkins Library News and Events

Notice of Disruptions Due to Renovations

Through the month of March, the 2nd and 3rd floors of Atkins Library will be periodically inaccessible due to carpeting and painting in those areas. Ground and first floors will remain open for studying, and dry erase boards located at each entrance will list recommended study areas and sections that will be closed each day. Library users sensitive to certain smells like paint and carpet glue should plan to study on the lower floors. Students may also study in the Hight Architecture Library in Storrs. Once painting and carpeting are completed, new furniture will be installed on the 2nd and 3rd floors for students to use beginning April 15.

Atkins Book Club: *I'm Not Dying With You Tonight*

For this semester's Atkins Book Club selection, the library will join the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library (CML) for their March 2021 [Community Read](#) which focuses on creating a community dialogue around the themes of racism and social justice. The selection is a YA book titled, *I'm Not Dying With You Tonight* by Kimberly Jones and Gilly Segal. Told from two viewpoints, Atlanta high school seniors Lena and Campbell, one black, one white, must rely on each other to survive after a football rivalry escalates into a riot. Atkins Library has purchased an electronic version of *I'm Not Dying With You Tonight* for unlimited users to access through its [catalog](#). Atkins will host its own book discussion on [Zoom](#) for the campus community on March 31 from 2:00-3:30 PM.

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 grade election procedure for Spring 2021, related 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:

Mar-May [UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens events](#)

Mar-May [Diversity events](#)

Mar 5 [Lecture: David Brown, director of the 2021 Chicago Architecture Biennial](#)

Next Week:

Mar 10 [Women + Girls Research Alliance Virtual Summit](#)

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