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Updated Travel Requirements

Effective June 1, 2021, and consistent with the new CDC [domestic travel guidance](#) for fully vaccinated individuals, UNC Charlotte has updated its [travel guidance](#). The new CDC guidance includes no requirement to get tested before or after travel and no self-quarantine after travel if asymptomatic.

Domestic Travel

Starting June 1, 2021, University funded domestic travel necessary to meet research and academic requirements and/or otherwise essential to university business can be reserved and paid for with University funds. This includes research and academic conferences. Until July 1, 2021, the Vice Chancellors will approve each travel request for travel starting before July 1 through the [travel petition](#). After July 1, 2021, reservations and bookings for domestic travel can be purchased without approval. [Procedures](#) should be consistent with the practice in place before the travel restrictions were instituted.

Professional Development Conferences: The System Office does not expect employees to begin traveling for professional development conferences unless travel meets a specific university need. Thus, professional development travel must still be approved by submitting a [travel petition](#) that clearly documents the purpose of the trip.

International Travel

All international travel must still be approved by submitting a [travel petition](#). When completing a travel petition, requestors should be clear about the purpose of their travel.

Please refer to the [travel restrictions news article](#) for more information.

2021 New Student Convocation

We are excited to bring back the annual tradition of New Student Convocation in person this fall on Sunday, August 22, at 6 p.m. All students from the class of 2024, our incoming class of 2025, and new transfer students are invited. Additionally, faculty and staff are encouraged to attend as we introduce our newest Niners to Niner Nation. New Student Convocation is an effort to celebrate and welcome our new students and provide clear academic expectations and an understanding of what it means to be a 49er. The event presents the traditions of the institution, the Noble Niner Honor Code, a faculty keynote address, and a performance by the Pride of Niner Nation Marching Band. Stay tuned for more details to come later this summer.

Gambrell Fellows RFP

The UNC Charlotte Urban Institute has opened applications for a new cohort of Gambrell Faculty Fellows. Now in its third year, the Gambrell Faculty Fellowship Program is a grants program for UNC Charlotte faculty funded by The Gambrell Foundation. The Fellowship Program funds short-term research projects (up to 18 months) examining issues related to economic mobility in the Charlotte region. This year, the program is particularly interested in racial equity and the impact of the pandemic on economic mobility. Up to 5 fellowships will be awarded this year. Proposed projects can have a maximum

budget of \$15,000. The deadline for submissions is 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 30, 2021. The grant period will begin August 15, 2021. [Information and application form](#).

Moratorium on Starting New Curriculum Proposals in Curriculog

A short moratorium on starting new proposals begins June 1 as we transition from one catalog year to another. This has no effect on proposals already started. You may continue to use [Curriculog](#), but will not be able to start a new proposal during the moratorium. For more information regarding curriculum proposals, visit the [Faculty Governance website's Course and Curriculum pages](#). The 2021-2022 Undergraduate and Graduate Catalogs will be available online in June 2021.

Office of International Programs' Meriam Brown Retires

After nearly 30 years of service at UNC Charlotte in the Office of International Programs, lecturer Meriam Brown has retired from her teaching position in the English Language Training Institute (ELTI). During her career, Brown served many roles, including coordinating the International Instructor Language Support Program, a program that provides resources and language testing and training to non-native speaking faculty and teaching assistants; coordinating testing and placement for the intensive English program students at ELTI; and serving as a longstanding lecturer for ELTI as well as for a variety of short-term language and cultural international programs for international students and professionals.

Brown was also highly active within the campus community and the Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) profession, leading numerous departmental workshops and training sessions as well as serving in various capacities for the TESOL International Association and Carolina TESOL. Over the years, Brown played a critical role in ELTI's curriculum development and in its program accreditation through the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation. She also worked with hiring departments in assessing language abilities of potential faculty members who were non-native English speakers. As such, she has contributed greatly to The Office of International Program's success as well as to the academic success of hundreds of international students and faculty members. We wish her all the best in her retirement.

Center for Teaching and Learning Workshops

[Save time with Canvas Gradebook](#). Learn to use SpeedGrader, Rubrics and more at the Wednesday, June 9 workshop from 2:00 p.m - 3:15 p.m.

J. Murrey Atkins Library Summer Hours

Atkins Library

- Monday - Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, 1:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Hight Architecture Library

- Monday - Friday, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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:

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

May-July [Diversity events](#)

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

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Deadline for submission is 11:00 a.m. every Friday.*