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Calls for Nominations

Harshini V. de Silva Graduate Mentor Award

Nominations will be accepted through November 5, 2021, for the 2022 Harshini V. de Silva Graduate Mentor Award. The award recognizes a full-time member of the graduate faculty who displays outstanding graduate mentoring. This award was established in memory of Dr. Harshini de Silva, an associate professor of biology, noted for her dedication to graduate students' academic and professional development. Information on this year's competition, nominating process, and previous winners, can be found on the [Graduate School](#) website.

First Citizens Bank Scholars Medal

Nominations for the 2022 First Citizens Bank Scholars Medal for outstanding scholarship, creativity, and research will be accepted through November 13, 2021. The award, which includes a cash prize, framed citation, and a medal, is presented annually in the spring semester. All UNC Charlotte full-time faculty members are eligible, and nominations may come from any Charlotte faculty member. Information on this year's competition, nominating guidelines, and previous recipients, is available on the [Graduate School](#) website.

Award Nomination Deadlines

O. Max Gardner Award	October 13, 2021
Honorary Degrees	October 14, 2021
Bonnie E. Cone Professorship in Civic Engagement	October 22, 2021
Harshini V. de Silva Graduate Mentor Award	November 5, 2021
First Citizens Bank Scholars Medal	November 13, 2021
Bank of America Award for Teaching Excellence	November 18, 2021
UNC Charlotte Award for Teaching Excellence	November 18, 2021
Bonnie E. Cone Early-Career Professorship in Teaching	December 10, 2021
Provost's Award for Excellence in Teaching	December 10, 2021
Thomas L. Reynolds Leadership Award	January 28, 2022

CONNECT Training and Early Alerts

CONNECT training sessions will be offered virtually for Fall 2021. Advisors and faculty can request training using the Google form on the [Academic Advising Technology Training webpage](#). These virtual training sessions can include Early Alert training. Early Alerts are due for all 1XXX/2XXX level courses by 12:00 p.m. on **Friday, September 17**. Departments may also request to schedule a training session to be held during a departmental meeting by contacting [Stephanie Westine](#), Advising Systems Administrator, or [LeeFredrick Bowen](#), Director for Academic Advising Systems.

UNC System Request for Proposals

For information on the 2021-2022 Undergraduate Research Request for Proposals, please see the [OUR website](#).

Niner Career Challenge Kick Off

The University Career Center has kicked off the Niner Career Challenge. Students can plan for career readiness by engaging in services and events that prepare them for their future. Students can register for a chance to win free spring 2022 tuition and other monthly prizes, then start participating in activities through the Career Center. Prizes are provided by our employer partner, Flexcare Medical Staffing. For more information, visit the [Career Center website](#).

Women + Girls Research Alliance Opens 2021-2022 Seed Funding Cycle

Based on the results of the 2021 Summit, W+GRA seeks to support new or ongoing research efforts whose goals align with the programmatic priority to highlight the issues that women and girls face in the workforce as a result of, or exacerbated by, COVID-19's impact on the economy and society. Issues may cover a variety of areas, such as the exposure of gender-biased employment practices during COVID; the disproportionate burden that the pandemic placed on single mothers; and the relationship between employment and housing security; the over-representation of women of color in low-wage jobs, particularly front-line workers, and their increased exposure to the virus; the lack of affordable childcare for working mothers. From October 1-15, 2021, W+GRA will accept proposals for funding in the amount of \$1,000-\$5,000 for projects that focus on one or both of the following:

- Supporting an ongoing research project or a new research project that addresses the intersectional nature of the problem along the lines of race, class, gender, age, ability, immigrant status, language, location, access to helpful resources, and income.
- Tangible projects that will support the work of the W+GRA such as conference presentations, workshops, research papers, training, or programs that address the "she-cession" and women missing from the workplace.

[Review the full RFP.](#)

Ventureprise Launch NSF I-Corps Fall 2021 Virtual Cohort: Applications Due September 9

Join 300+ UNC Charlotte faculty and students that have already completed the Ventureprise Launch program. Receive up to \$5,000 for your research or business idea. Apply to participate in the Fall 2021 Ventureprise Launch National Science Foundation I-Corps Virtual Cohort. The program provides UNC Charlotte faculty, staff and students with commercialization training and new NSF funding. The program is designed for you to work at your own pace with interview and funding goals. This virtual cohort has been designed with a tiered approach, launching on September 15. The goal of the program is to identify potential commercial uses for technology and research. The next stage is a six month \$50,000 NSF I-Corps Teams grant. Applications are currently open and are reviewed as they are submitted, closing on September 9. More information and the application form can be found on the [NSF I-Corps webpage](#). For questions, contact [Devin Collins](#) or [Laura Smailes](#).

Center for Teaching and Learning Workshops

Using Feedback to Improve Teaching and Learning (asynchronous workshop)

Feedback is integral to the teaching and learning process. Providing students with feedback can motivate and guide behavior change that translates into student success. Soliciting feedback from students allows faculty to make changes in their instructional strategies that also lead to student success. This workshop provides an overview of tools and strategies for giving and receiving feedback – both traditional and technology-based – that can be easily incorporated into any course. This workshop counts towards the Essentials of Teaching and Learning Certificate.

- Tuesday, September 7 - Monday, September 13 ([Register](#))

Earn a Teaching Certificate!

The CTL now offers two certificates for faculty, graduate students, and academic support staff. The certificates provide a clear learning path to gain knowledge and skills in key pedagogical areas. They also provide a useful way for faculty to document their professional development in teaching.

- [Essentials of Teaching and Learning](#): This workshop series provides a foundation in important aspects of teaching and learning in higher education.
- [Essentials of Learning Technologies](#): This workshop series provides a foundation in essential learning technologies available at UNC Charlotte.

Faculty Council News

Please visit the Faculty Governance website for the latest news from the Faculty Council including:

- [Meeting Schedules](#)
- [Agendas/Minutes](#)
- [Latest News](#)

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](#) or visit the [Academic Affairs Division News webpage](#).

Upcoming Events

This Week:

Sep-Oct [UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens events](#)

Sep-Oct [Diversity events](#)

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

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The [DAA News Digest](#) is distributed each Monday to Academic Affairs faculty and staff.

To have items included in the digest, complete the [NEWS DIGEST REQUEST FORM](#).

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