

A photograph of terraced agricultural fields on a hillside, with mountains in the background under a bright sky.

FACULTY

A photograph of a canal in Venice, Italy, with historic buildings and a church dome in the background, captured at sunset.

GLOBAL

A photograph of a serene alpine landscape featuring a calm lake, snow-capped mountains, and two people sitting on a bench in the foreground.

ENGAGEMENT

Greetings UNC Charlotte Faculty,

The Office of International Programs supports and coordinates a broad scope of on- and off-campus curricular and co-curricular initiatives; promotes faculty development; directs the advancement of institutional agreements with international partner institutions; and provides leadership and guidance to advance campus internationalization and global learning efforts. We are comprised of the offices of Global Education and Engagement, Education Abroad, International Student and Scholar Office, English Language Training Institute, and Intercultural and Educational Experiences.

The Office of International Programs views itself as a catalyst for change, as well as a provider of services. In short, it strives to serve as a focus of leadership and responsibility for the international role and mission of the University, both internally and externally.

In the broader international education community, OIP is considered a national model of a comprehensive international education office that has broad responsibility for every aspect of the University's international dimension.

We invite faculty to actively partner with us in providing our Charlotte students with meaningful and transformative international education experiences: on campus, in our community and abroad. We look forward to collaborating with you as UNC Charlotte continues its long tradition of providing a welcoming and nurturing teaching and learning environment for all students and scholars.

Joël Gallegos
Associate Provost for International Programs

Established at UNC Charlotte in 1975, the Office of International Programs (OIP) strives to strengthen international education and global learning at the University as well as in the Charlotte community. On campus, OIP seeks to make international understanding and global awareness a fundamental part of the curriculum and an integral part of campus programming.

This Faculty Global Engagement Resource Guide overviews special aspects of interest to our faculty and staff in support of internationalization initiatives. We encourage your attendance and active participation in our programs. Your involvement is crucial to fostering a collaborative and globally engaged community, and we look forward to partnering with you to enhance our international initiatives. For further information, please don't hesitate to contact the appropriate office listed.

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The Office of International Programs offers faculty a variety of resources and programs to support campus internationalization efforts. Various options are noted on the general faculty resources page provided **online**.



Academic & Faculty Global Connections

Faculty International Education Award

Each year since 1995, the Office of International Programs (OIP) has proudly presented the UNC Charlotte International Education Award to recognize the special contributions of a faculty member to the enhancement of the UNC Charlotte international education experience.

While we routinely collaborate with our faculty and staff partners across campus and appreciate your commitment to internationalization, this award is an outward way in which we recognize the exemplar contributions of faculty international education achievement. Areas of excellence may include contributions in teaching, research, curriculum and program development, grant writing, or university and community service.

The nomination process opens each spring semester, and the campus community is encouraged to nominate or self nominate.

International Excellence and Curriculum Design Award

Education Abroad's International Excellence and Curriculum Design Awards are bestowed upon faculty members who demonstrate outstanding commitment to promoting global engagement and enriching education abroad experiences for students.

The awardees' commitment to facilitating these experiences abroad empowers students to build resiliency, confidence, self-efficacy and intercultural competence, qualities that will benefit them throughout their University tenure and careers.



Adriana Medina, Ph.D.

Professor of Reading and Elementary Education

Medina has exemplified excellence in curriculum development, grant writing, program development, teaching, and in service. She embodies the spirit of internationalization and global engagement at UNC Charlotte.

Global Learning and Internationalization Institute (GLII)

The University's Strategic Plan 2021-2031 Shaping What's Next's vision is articulated as: To be a globally recognized, emerging top-tier research university driving discovery and innovation, while advancing student access and social mobility, nurturing talent, fostering excellence, and ensuring equity. OIP offers GLII annually to provide faculty with development opportunities and resources that support them in integrating global learning and intercultural competence considerations in their teaching and course design.

The purpose of the GLII is three-fold:

1. Support faculty in developing goals and plans for internationalizing their teaching/curriculum and/or research agenda based on what they learned.
2. Facilitate the formation of an international education and global learning community of practice.
3. Empower faculty to create high-impact practices, international/global learning experiences and opportunities for all students on campus and abroad.

Faculty Partnership for Short-Term Training Programs

The Office of Intercultural and Educational Experiences (OIEE) designs customized short-term training and educational programs for international students, faculty, and professionals. OIEE has hosted groups from Japan, Australia, Brazil and Saudi Arabia for programs focused on international business and comparative education, as well as language and cultural exchange. OIEE seeks UNC Charlotte faculty from across disciplines as well as Charlotte area professionals for partnerships for existing and new program development. Each program includes customized and innovative curriculum that is grounded in academic excellence and best practice. We welcome you to submit your ideas for review so we can help you achieve the goals you wish to pursue.

Global Engagement Scholars Program

The Global Engagement Scholars Program (GESP) is a micro-credential pathways program for students to demonstrate their global and intercultural competencies through academic, co-curricular and international engagement activities.

GESP's three components, culminating in a final portfolio project, are structured to enable students to complete the program in two years or less. We encourage faculty with courses featuring a global emphasis to submit them for inclusion in the GESP offerings. Additionally, we welcome submissions of relevant internationally themed programming for the campus community. For more information, please contact globaleducation@charlotte.edu or visit global.charlotte.edu.



Jane Houston

Adjunct Instructor of French in the Department of Languages, Cultures and Translation



Jeff Balmer

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Houston has served as the faculty director for the long-running French Culture and Civilization in Paris short-term education abroad program, and for nearly four decades she has served our institution and has been a consistent pillar of support for students interested in immersing themselves in a foreign culture - French or not.

Balmer is honored for his innovation in implementing a low-cost and impactful education abroad program that fits within the rigorous curriculum followed by Architecture students. For the 2024 iteration of the Italy: Architecture Semester in Rome + Istanbul program, Balmer welcomed an unprecedented thirty-nine students to Rome for their capstone terms at UNC Charlotte.

Country-Culture Workshops

Join in a professional development opportunity to enrich cultural understanding and explore the language, etiquette, cultural norms, history and other key nuances unique to a selected country with large student representation at UNC Charlotte.

All are invited to participate in the workshops in order to familiarize our campus community with these cultures to better support our international student populations and promote greater student success.

A combination of expert faculty, administrators, and/or student speakers familiar with the selected country will assist with the development and implementation of country-culture workshops. Please see **Country-Culture Workshops** for future programs and participant registration.

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Employment and Payment of Non-Residents Workshops

International scholars and graduate assistants play a critical role in research and instruction on campus. The International Students and Scholars Office regularly partners with UNC Charlotte Human Resources (HR) and the Tax Office to facilitate workshops to inform faculty and staff on federal immigration and tax laws that UNC Charlotte operates under for the hiring of non-immigrant visa holders.

To learn more, visit [ISSO immigration workshops](#).

Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars

The Phi Beta Delta (PBD) Mu Chapter at UNC Charlotte has as its purpose the recognition of experience in the areas of international education exchange and/or international scholarship. It also serves as a means for encouraging interdisciplinary interchange and as a catalyst for developing a network among faculty, students and staff involved.

PBD's award winning Mu Chapter invites faculty to consider membership and to attend PBD programming offered throughout the year.

Details are [online](#) or contact phibetadelta@charlotte.edu.



Enhancing Cultural Awareness Workshops

OIP facilitates the Enhancing Cultural Awareness Workshop in conjunction with the Center for Teaching and Learning. The training presents an overview of the common definition and assessment of culture and explores cultural dimensions based on theory and research. Participants will receive resources for sample assignments and a mapping exercise to enhance student cultural awareness. This online workshop counts towards the Essentials of Teaching and Learning Certificate. For additional course content and registration details, visit the **Center for Teaching and Learning**.

World Affairs Council of Charlotte

The World Affairs Council of Charlotte (WACC) serves as a regional center for global education and engagement and is hosted on the UNC Charlotte campus in the Office of International Programs. The Young Professionals of WACC also offers networking opportunities for early career professionals interested in the world writ large. Upcoming WACC programs and more information can be found on the [WACC website](#). Faculty interested in attending programs and/or becoming more involved with WACC should contact international@charlotte.edu.





OIP-Facilitated Instructional Enhancements

Cultural Ambassador Program

The Cultural Ambassador Program provides opportunities for cultural understanding and information sharing through dialogue and conversation among students in classroom or workshop settings, with virtual options available. An International Students and Scholars Office staff member facilitates discussion between a panel comprised of several international students and other attendees. If you are interested in having a panel participate in a classroom or at a staff meeting, please contact intlso@charlotte.edu.

Study Abroad Virtual and In-Person Presentations

Expand your students' horizons with an engaging introduction to the study abroad experience by incorporating a presentation into your syllabus. The Office of Education Abroad staff will provide a thought-provoking session featuring the benefits of studying abroad, which include developing a new global outlook and career benefits post-graduation. Request a presentation via our [online form](#) or contact edabroad@charlotte.edu.





Student-Centered Global Engagement Programming

UNC Charlotte's Annual International Festival

Founded in 1976, the International Festival continues to recognize the region's growing cultural richness while holding the distinction of being the longest-standing and largest on-campus event. Festival entry and parking are free! The international Festival is open to the public.

The International Festival celebrates our globally-enriched campus and Charlotte community which we call home and centers around booths arranged in colorful marketplace style representing the cultures of many nations. Throughout the day the music and dance of a variety of countries occurs on indoor and outdoor stages. This family-oriented event also offers an international games zone for attendees of all ages to play while learning about the cultural significance of play.

Visit ifest.charlotte.edu for more information.



Global News: GlobalPost Newsletter

The Office of International Programs has teamed up with *GlobalPost*, an independent and non-partisan international daily newsletter that curates interesting and important global developments. This conversational, easy-to-read report is designed to be read on your smartphone or digital device. The format is intended to be easily digestible and includes maps that highlight the topic country/region for readers who may be less familiar with world geography. Invite UNC Charlotte students to consume global content in addition to US news sources and to enroll in this free subscription as well, independently or as part of a class. Learn how to **subscribe**.

International Women's Day Celebration

Each year the Office of International Programs (OIP) joins in the global celebration of the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The entire campus community is encouraged to participate in OIP's traditional afternoon celebration of International Women's Day in late March. This celebration recognizes faculty, staff and students involved in international and/or gender balance issues who have been nominated for special recognition at the event for their impact locally and globally.

To nominate someone for recognition visit the **Office of Global Education and Engagement website**.

Globally Networked Learning (GNL) Opportunities and Resources

GNL integrates global perspectives into teaching, programming and research using technology and allows for collaboration with UNC Charlotte and other international partners from around the world. Faculty considering adopting GNL into either an existing course or as the basis for an entirely new course will find the model to be exceedingly flexible. The Office of International Programs can help explore how GNL could help enhance the delivery of your course content and students' learning experiences. GNL is a great way to give students who may not necessarily study abroad access to global contexts.

Learn more on how to set up a GNL course or program [here](#).

Marian Beane Crossing Borders Writing Competition

A strong advocate for international students for over 40 years at UNC Charlotte, former International Programs staff member Marian Beane endows the Crossing Borders Writing Competition, an internationally themed annual writing contest for students. Each February the competition is open for submissions from UNC Charlotte students. Awards are given to the top essays in three categories (undergraduate, graduate, and English Language Training Institute).

Please promote this opportunity to your students or contact globaleducation@charlotte.edu if you are a faculty/staff member interested in participating as a reader for the competition. Submission forms and general details are [online](#).



International Education Week (IEW): November 18 - 22, 2024

IEW serves as a reminder that college and university campuses play a special part in shaping the awareness of our role in the global village. UNC Charlotte faculty, staff and students are encouraged to explore the value of education abroad, the richness that international students and faculty bring into our classrooms and departments, and the benefits derived from all international offerings on campus. IEW is a joint initiative between the U.S. Departments of State and Education.

Faculty are encouraged to contribute to the celebration of IEW by organizing relevant programming. We invite you to plan ahead and think broadly and creatively to join in the comprehensive programming, which in the past has included lectures, presentations, performances, film screenings, and much more.

Join us in celebrating our commitment to global and international understanding. [Submit events for inclusion in IEW 2024.](#)



English Conversation Partners

Each semester, the English Language Training Institute (ELTI) enrolls students from around the world with the goal of providing them academic English language instruction and university readiness skills in order to matriculate into degree programs at UNC Charlotte or elsewhere.

ELTI students are often interested in meeting English-speaking peers for language and cultural exchange and to practice their English outside the classroom. If you have students who are in search of service projects where this type of experience would be appropriate, please direct questions to elti@charlotte.edu.

Friendship and Cultural Exchange (FACE) Program

Encourage your students to enroll in the FACE conversation and partner program, developed to provide American and international students structured opportunities to spend time together.

Information and applications for FACE are available [online](#).

International Speaker Series

The Office of International Programs (OIP), in collaboration with the World Affairs Council of Charlotte, Atkins Library and the Department of Global Studies, periodically hosts international experts, ambassadors and other prominent speakers to share mini-lectures combined with a Q&A period for interested faculty, staff and students. Please visit the [website](#) for speaker information and schedule updates. Previous speakers include:

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary James A. Walsh
International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, U.S. Department of State

John C. Kornblum
Former U.S. Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany

Masood Khan
Pakistan's Ambassador to the United States

YaYa Fanusie
Adjunct Senior Fellow at the Center for a New American Security

Dave Rank
Senior Fellow at Yale University's Jackson Institute for Global Affairs

Great Decisions: Foreign Policy Lecture Series

Great Decisions is the largest non-partisan citizen education effort of its kind and has provided quality information and tools addressing foreign affairs since its establishment over 50 years ago. Every spring, OIP coordinates a lecture series based on the Foreign Policy Association's identified topic areas. Past programs/featured speakers are noted **online**.

OIP welcomes inquiries from our own faculty experts who are interested in presenting on relevant subject matter. We encourage robust interaction and attendance, and we invite you to consider adding this as a co-curricular component to your courses. For more details contact gloaleducation@charlotte.edu.

International Career Panel

The International Career Panel is an annual event sponsored by the OIP, the University Career Center, and the Young Professionals of the World Affairs Council of Charlotte. Student attendees network, receive resume feedback, and gain insights from professionals regarding career pathways with an international dimension. Details about the spring program are **online**. Questions can be directed to gloaleducation@charlotte.edu.



International Country Flags: Available for Campus Use

Create an impressive and significant display at your event with our flag loan system. OIP is pleased to offer the campus community the use of country flags from most of the 193 members of the United Nations at internationally relevant campus events. A free loan system is in place through OIP for UNC Charlotte community members to borrow the flags with or without their weighted bases and flagpoles.

Any UNC Charlotte department, college or organization interested in utilizing this service should email international@charlotte.edu.





Faculty Opportunities to Support Study Abroad

Faculty-Led Study Abroad Programs

Education Abroad welcomes program proposals from faculty interested in developing and leading an academic study abroad program for UNC Charlotte students. EA provides program development workshops and webinars each semester that cover the importance of faculty-led programming, student learning outcomes, director roles, collaborating with EA, program considerations, and program development and implementation. Faculty leading non-credit group travel experiences also work with EA to register the program through a slightly different process and should contact EA for details at edabroad@uncc.edu.



Fulbright Scholars Program

The Fulbright Scholars Program offers nearly 400 teaching, research or combination teaching/research awards in over 135 countries. Opportunities are available for college and university faculty and administrators and provide various time commitment models to meet the changing needs of US academics and professionals. The Office of International Programs offers Fulbright Week (OIP programming dedicated to faculty education on Fulbright practices, resources and opportunities), workshops and one-on-one advising for faculty interested in applying. Contact international@charlotte.edu for details.



Student Learning Outcome Project for Faculty-Led Study Abroad Programs

The Office of International Programs offers a professional development workshop series designed to strengthen short term faculty-led programs by developing global student learning outcomes, curriculum integration pathways, and innovative program models for UNC Charlotte faculty offering academic opportunities abroad to their students. Through professional development workshops, online course curricula on student learning outcomes, and OIP-supported assessment for study abroad programs, the Student Learning Outcome Project strengthens faculty members' ability to develop thoughtfully designed student opportunities abroad that incorporate reflective and comparative exercises in global learning as part of the program design and curriculum.

For more information on the studio series contact edabroad@charlotte.edu.

Study Abroad Workshops for Advisors

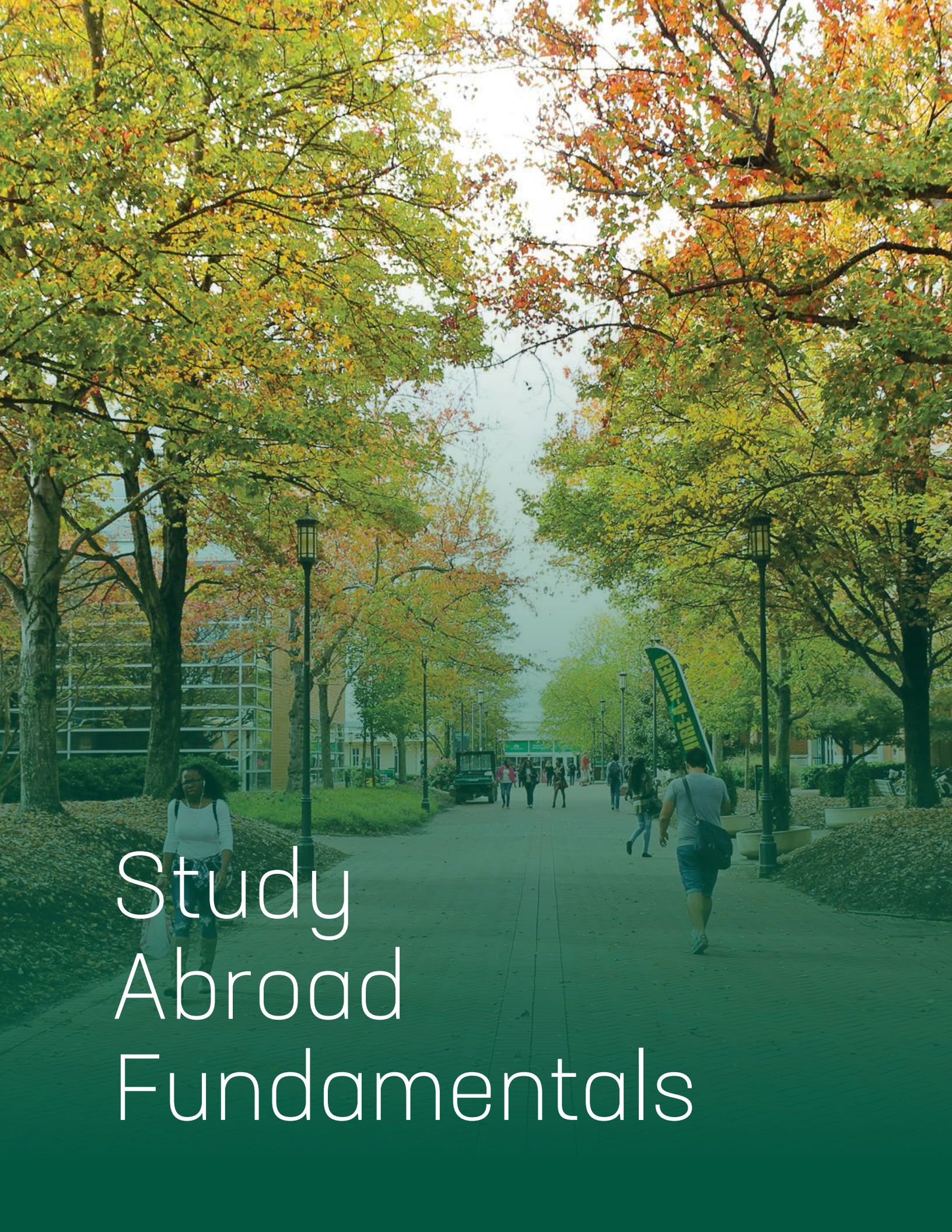
Education Abroad provides study abroad workshops for any faculty or staff who are responsible for advising students. Contact edabroad@charlotte.edu for additional details about workshops.

EA is committed to strengthening the international dimension of UNC Charlotte's campus by promoting global awareness and international understanding through various types of study opportunities. UNC Charlotte students can study abroad in over 50 countries. In 2023-2024 nearly 700 students participated in a study abroad experience. Faculty are encouraged to collaborate with EA professionals to maximize global opportunities for Charlotte students.

Kingston University Resident Director

Tenured faculty are eligible to apply for a year-long appointment as the UNC Charlotte Resident Director at Kingston University London. This distinguished opportunity has arisen from a long-term and valued partnership with our exchange partner. Responsibilities include recruitment, advising and orientation of students for the exchange program; teaching one course at Kingston University; supporting students in-country; and post-program internationalization support. Contact international@charlotte.edu for details.





Study Abroad Fundamentals

Study Abroad 101 for Students

Studying abroad is recognized as a high-impact practice that enhances engaged learning and helps students achieve crucial educational goals. EA has created Study Abroad 101, a free, non-credit Canvas course that outlines program options, financial aid and scholarships, academic credit processes, and more. Once a student has completed Study Abroad 101, they can begin to move forward with the application process by researching programs and meeting with an EA advisor. [Learn more](#) here.



Study Abroad Fair

Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to learn more about education abroad opportunities available through UNC Charlotte. Every year the Office of Education Abroad organizes a Study Abroad Fair where students can learn about a variety of options such as faculty-led programs, direct enrollment and exchanges. For more information, contact EA at edabroad@charlotte.edu.

GoinGlobal: Global Career and Internship Resources

In keeping with the University's commitment to developing students' global competencies, the Office of International Programs partners with the University Career Center to provide access to the GoinGlobal online database of international jobs and internships. In addition to internship information, the site provides country-specific, US-city-specific, and H-1B visa resources. Access is available **online** and questions about international internships can be directed to career@charlotte.edu or edabroad@charlotte.edu.

Study Abroad Funding Resources

Education Abroad assists students in navigating funding resources for their education abroad program. Various fiscal management tips are provided **online**, including information specific to **scholarships**.



Boren Scholarships and Fellowships

The Boren Scholarships and Fellowships provide unique funding opportunities for US undergraduate and graduate students to study less commonly taught languages and topics in world regions traditionally underrepresented in study abroad. Regions include Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East. More details on Boren opportunities are available **online**. General questions can be addressed to edabroad@charlotte.edu.

Fulbright US Student Program

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program provides grants for individually designed study/research projects, English teaching assistant programs, and some graduate degree possibilities abroad. Consider encouraging your students to explore Fulbright opportunities. Details about the application process are **online**. Please encourage your students to work with Education Abroad to understand the application process and create compelling applications. UNC Charlotte has a campus deadline of August 15 each year and conducts interviews to provide feedback for students prior to the October national deadline for the grant. For more information, contact edabroad@charlotte.edu.



Gilman International Scholarships for Students

The Gilman Scholarship Program offers awards to US undergraduates receiving Federal Pell Grant funding to broaden the demographics of students who study abroad and the selected destinations. Awards typically range between \$1,000 and \$5,000. The OEA offers workshops to educate Charlotte students on the program and can assist throughout the application process. **Learn more here.**





International Student & Scholar Resources

Supporting International Students and Scholars

Two operational units within the Office of International Programs provide direct support to international scholars and students. The International Students and Scholars Office (ISSO) and the English Language Training Institute (ELTI) provide resources, including but not limited to immigration support, advising, and cultural adjustment programming. These units assist international students and scholars to achieve their individual educational and personal goals while contributing to a broad culture learning environment. ELTI prepares English language learners to be successful members of the US academic community as they help promote intercultural understanding from a global perspective.

International Teaching Assistants Language Support Program

The English Language Training Institute (ELTI) provides dedicated resources to assist international teaching assistants (ITAs) with language support. All new ITAs are assessed for language and instructional readiness skills prior to beginning their teaching assignments. Based on their assessment, ITAs may be enrolled in an English as a Second Language support course focused on presentation and delivery including oral English skills such as pronunciation, stress, and discourse markers. Additionally, the ELTI assists academic departments with the evaluation of new hires and/or exchange scholars whose native language is not English. This service provides key support to the departments during the onboarding process. For more information, please contact itasupport@charlotte.edu.



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