



Fall 2022 Graduate Education Summit Resources

Office of the Graduate Dean News

[Award Deadlines](#)

- November 4, 2022 - Harshini V. de Silva Graduate Mentor Award
- November 11, 2022 - First Citizen's Bank Scholars Medal
- February 3, 2023 - Thomas L. Reynolds Leadership Award

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- October 7, 2022

Graduate Leadership Team

- Slide with team photo and titles

Recruitment and Admissions News

- *Slate*, Recruitment, Events Management, and Admissions System
 - Faculty/Staff Portal Demo - preview of new applicant, prospect and reporting tools.
 - Slate Roadmap Updates (Ash/Kathy)
 - Completed
 - GPDs can waive standardized test scores with a click of a box.
 - Educational Testing Service (ETS) Detailed Report of GRE and TOEFL scores (enables readers to listen to speaking samples and read writing samples from the TOEFL, as well as read essay from the GRE)
 - On-demand Applicant Data Download
 - Numerous back-end processes, integrations, and rules
 - Coming Soon
 - Graduate Program Portal
The new Faculty/Affiliates Portal provides an addition to the Reader experience that allows for filtered searches and exports for applicants and

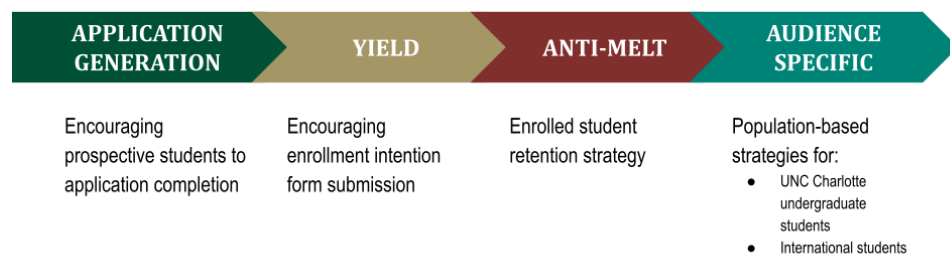
prospects. New self-service data including application status, decline data and fee waiver usage will be available. We will be reaching out to select program directors to be in our portal beta test group.

- Application Dashboard Enhanced
On the application in the Reader, you will see additional data points on financial aid, funding and enrollment for the specific applicant. If the applicant requires a visa, you will see data on the Financial Certificate Form and I-20 information.
- Applicant Status Portal
A new version of the applicant status portal which is extensible and more informative for applicants is currently in testing and will be available soon. This update will be able to address many of the "status" questions currently being received.

- In the future
 - Additional and Enhanced Reports
 - Lead Scoring
 - Custom Evaluation Rubrics

- Slate Communications Campaigns

- As Graduate Admissions continues to enhance Slate, **several communication campaigns to support the student lifecycle** are in development in the following areas:



- Timeline
 - The yield campaign has been prioritized. Each campaign will have a tiered launch by campaign type.
 - Campaign launches and cadence will be [announced via GPDNet](#) and the 'New on GPDNet' email send
- Campus Collaboration

- Key communication stakeholders in graduate education are participating in the communication campaign review. Thank you to those of you who have dedicated your time.
 - How can you help? **Review and update your program listing!**
 - The Graduate Admissions website receives ~260,000 visits a year to the program search page. Be sure prospective students can reach their Graduate Program Director or recruitment staff.
 - Need to make updates to your program listing? View [how to update your program information](#) on the Graduate Admissions website.
 - Questions? Reach the Marketing and Communications team via email at grad-comm@uncc.edu.

- Recruitment Resources
 - The [Ronald McNair Scholars](#) Database for 2022-2023 is uploaded to Slate. If you are interested in accessing this list to recruit students, contact Maryanne Maree-Sams.
 - The Graduate School is now participating in the [National Name Exchange \(NNE\)](#), hosted by the Council of Graduate Schools, for the 2022-2023 academic year. The NNE is a consortium of nationally-known universities which annually collect and exchange the names of talented students who affiliate with a less represented ethnic group. If you are interested in obtaining this list of students or have any questions, please contact Ellie Ivey .
 - New program listing and admissions brochures are available for you to use to recruit prospective students. Contact Maryanne Maree-Sams to coordinate delivery if you and/or your faculty/alumni can utilize the materials for program recruitment efforts.
 - The Graduate School will be mailing postcards to UNC Charlotte undergraduate students with qualifying grade point averages to encourage them to apply to an early entry program.
 - Make plans to attend a recruitment fair, in person and/or online, to generate leads of prospective students to your graduate programs. An updated list of graduate recruitment fairs is on [GPD Net](#).
 - The Graduate School hosts monthly virtual information sessions and invites Graduate Program Directors and Coordinators to join and connect with their prospective students in breakout rooms. You can learn more and RSVP to participate in the October 19th session [here](#).
 - Graduate Admissions Counselors are available to help plan an information session or open house for your program. Contact Maryanne mmareesa@uncc.edu or Ellie efeely@uncc.edu for more information.

- Funding Updates
 - Please nominate students for the Graduate School Grant (expired GASP, master's students)
 - Find training, deadlines, information in this [Canvas course](#)
 - Tool to nominate and view students' tuition funding: egps.charlotte.edu (access provided after viewing the Canvas course)

- Tool to track all students' assistantships: ega.charlotte.edu (everyone has access now)
- [Compensation packages](#) to determine assistantship (and tuition et al) offers to make to students based on the student's program of study and the academic year.

Faculty Training and Development

- Mentor Training for graduate faculty will be held on Friday, October 14th. Registration is limited to 20 participants. [Click here](#) to register.
- The Center for Graduate Life and Learning now oversees postdoc hiring and onboarding, as well as professional development and social events. Please visit the "postdoc" tab at gradlife.charlotte.edu for hiring information and resources for postdocs.

Academic Updates

- Degree Works Updates
 - DegreeWorks Upgrade: As is customary each summer, DegreeWorks was upgraded to the most current version (5.0.7.2) on September 7, 2022. There are no major outward-facing changes. Please email degreeworks@uncc.edu with any questions.
 - DegreeWorks Progress Report: Beginning with the October report, the manual signup and distribution of the DegreeWorks Progress Report will be replaced with an automated distribution to all GPDs and their alternates as defined in the academic petition system. If you were receiving the report before, you should still receive it unless you've told me otherwise. This was done to eliminate the manual subscription changes each time GPDs change roles.
 - Graduation Update:

	RSCH DOC	PROF DOC	MASTER S	CERT	TOTAL
Summer 2020	38	0	232	42	312
Summer 2021	43	0	204	62	309
Difference	5	0	-28	20	-3
Fall 2020	53	0	495	262	810
Fall 2021	56	1	508	269	834
Difference	3	1	13	7	24
Spring 2021	67	33	984	322	1406
Spring 2022	66	12	1058	368	1504
Difference	-1	-21	74	46	98

- Academic Policy Updates

- **New DocuSign Forms:** A new set of Master's and Doctoral student forms are now available! These forms will allow faculty and staff to initiate a form on behalf of a student. The "Student" role is now a "Submitted By" role requiring the initiator to complete the required fields and enter the student's name and email as a final cc recipient. The form workflow will follow the same protocol as the original student-initiated forms. You will find these forms on [GPDnet](#) under GPD News and Resources. Please make sure the student understands that you will submit the form on their behalf and no further action is required.
- **Grade of SP/UP (Satisfactory Progress/ Unsatisfactory Progress):** The Graduate School worked with the Graduate Policy Equity Audit Working Group (faculty) during the 2021-22 academic year to examine graduate policies that could have a differential impact on graduate students. This was a multidisciplinary group that included representatives from 5 colleges as well as faculty governance councils.
- One of the policies we reviewed was the Grade of **SP/UP** (Satisfactory Progress/ Unsatisfactory Progress) which was approved and implemented in Fall 2021. This review focused on content and how it was presented and recommendations were made to ensure transparency through effective communication. **There were no substantive changes made to the academic policy.** This proposal is pending approval and will be reviewed by the Graduate Council in October. We encourage you to communicate with your Graduate Council representative if you have questions or comments. You will find the [proposal](#) on the Faculty Governance website under [Graduate Council](#)
- **Handbooks v. Catalog:** Program handbooks are considered a "best practice." While these can be useful to students, it is important that Handbooks do not contradict university policy. While programs can have stricter policies than the Graduate School policies, they cannot create processes that usurp the university-level policies. For example, the Graduate School retains the authority to suspend and terminate students. Programs can recommend suspension, but cannot suspend students without going through the Graduate School process. Please ensure that the links included in your Handbook are accurate and link to the university-level processes.

Graduate Student Professional Development

- Encourage first or second-year students to apply for the [National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship](#).
 - \$37,000/year stipend for three years
 - Full tuition, fees, health insurance premium payments for three years
 - Master's and doctoral students with 12 months or less in graduate school are eligible
 - **Julie Goodliffe** is a reviewer for the national program and can provide feedback on applications - students can email statements to jmgoodli@uncc.edu
 - Deadlines begin October 17th (vary by field)
 - Success rates are improving as fewer students apply each year!

- **A2i:** The CGLL has a strong lineup of Charlotte-area employers offering professional development to graduate students through its [Accelerate to Industry](#) program. In these sessions, which begin October 4, students will have the chance to interact with hiring managers at Siemens Energy, Atrium Health, Novant Health, Pursuit Search Group, Equitable, Tresata, and Ally.

News from the Center for Graduate Life & Learning (CGLL)

- We are pleased to announce the promotion of Dr. Lisa Russell-Pinson to Associate Teaching Professor of Writing. Dr. Russell-Pinson joined the CGLL as Faculty Associate in 2013, and was appointed as Assistant Teaching Professor of Writing in 2019. In addition to developing and teaching multiple courses on academic writing, Dr. Russell-Pinson supports dissertation writers through workshops, one-on-one consultations, a dissertation writing group, and a credit-bearing course entitled, *Making Dissertations Happen*. She has also published several peer-reviewed articles on supporting scholarly writing. The Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs division of The State Department recently selected Dr. Russell-Pinson as an English Language Specialist. Please join us in congratulating her.
- Registration is open for the [2022 3 Minute Thesis \(3MT\)](#) competition, which challenges graduate students to describe their research in 3 minutes or less using only one static slide. Students compete for cash awards and the chance to represent UNC Charlotte in the regional competition next March in Tampa, FL. Please encourage your students to [register](#) to practice this critical skill!