Dear Colleagues,

I encourage you to participate in the 2018 Charlotte Research Scholars (CRS) program. Sponsored by the Office of Academic Affairs, the Charlotte Research Institute, the Duke Endowment Special Initiatives Fund, and the Graduate School, the CRS provides funding to participate in a mentored, 10-week summer research experience to approximately 50 UNC Charlotte students each summer. The program also includes weekly professional development training.

The CRS selection process is centered on the quality of the student applicants and appropriate mentor match. To be included in a list of possible mentors, please submit a project title and short abstract by email to nmfried@uncc.edu before January 12th, using the attached project submission form. In addition, please provide a set of minimum qualifications you desire your mentee to have if applicable. Finally, if you would like to work with a particular student—assuming they are chosen—please indicate that in the text of the email (but not in the project submission form).

**Project submission deadline: Friday, January 12, 2018**

**Scholar application timeline:** February 2 – February 23, 2018

**Program dates:** May 21 – July 27 (10 weeks)

**Mentor eligibility:** Any member of the UNC Charlotte faculty or research staff

**Minimum scholar eligibility:** UNC Charlotte undergraduates that will return in Fall 2018 with at least a Junior standing and a minimum GPA of 2.8

**Compensation:** Scholar fellowship = $5,000; Mentor honorarium = $750

**Frequently Asked Questions:**

*How will the scholars and projects be selected?*

-- The CRS steering committee will match the most qualified students with research projects that are of interest to them. To facilitate this matching, students will include a ranking of their preferred project choices in their application. If a match is identified, the faculty member will be contacted to see if there is interest in the applicant.

*Can I nominate specific students?*

-- Yes, please indicate any preferences for particular students that you might have in the text of your email (but not on the submission form). This makes the matching process much easier.

*If matched with a Scholar, are we bound to the submitted project?*

-- Not at all. Projects are submitted to help students get a sense of the type of research that you do, but you are not tied to it. You can modify the project as needed and/or desired.

*Can I submit multiple projects?*

-- Yes, but as discussed above, the project summaries are meant to be more representative instead of a specific proposal. Typically, a more effective strategy is to broadly describe your research interests and then work out project specifics with the mentor if you are matched. Please do not submit more than 3 projects.

*How much time are students expected to commit to the project?*
-- Scholars are expected to work full-time for the entire 10 weeks. They will spend approximately 3 hrs/week away from the project in order to participate in the professional development activities.

*Whom do I contact if I have additional questions?*
-- Nate Fried, Professor of Physics and Optical Science (nmfried@uncc.edu).