



UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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DATA SCIENCE

The start of the semester is coming fast! I hope you have had a productive and relaxing summer. As noted below, the SDS has left Bioinformatics. We are now located in a new space, a little more accessible for those on campus. Registration for fall 2022 has been open since March. If you have not already registered for fall classes, do not delay. Seats will be limited for this fall. Speaking of registration, the SDS is pleased to welcome a new staff member this week. Deanna Realla is joining us as a new Advisor to support the undergraduate program. We have more news below for those seeking fall internship placements, recent updates to the policy for Graduate Student Assistantships, and more. We look forward to seeing you all on campus soon!

Important
INFORMATION

SDS has MOVED to Colvard South



The School of Data Science has moved to the **first floor of Colvard South, Suite 1028**. This new location puts the SDS in the center of campus, adjacent

to one of our primary active learning classrooms. In the coming weeks, we will announce an open house reception for faculty, students and staff. In the meantime, please feel free to stop by and say hello!

Deanna Rella Joins the SDS Team

Deanna Rella will be joining the Data Science team this semester, serving as an academic advisor for our undergraduate programs. She has her undergraduate degree in Psychology from James Madison University (VA) and her M.Ed from the University of South Carolina - Columbia in Higher Education and Student Affairs. She has worked in higher education for a little over 20 years, ten of which are with Charlotte as a 49er. She has previously worked as an advisor on campus for both the Belk College of Business as well as University College. Deanna enjoys working in collaboration with students and assisting them with reaching their academic goals. She looks forward to getting to know our Data Science students!



Contact Deanna

Student Workers- Hours Changed

Some of you may have seen the announcement from the University's Human Resources Department about the max cap for student employees being increased from 20 to 29 hours. As a rule, this general policy will not change contracts for the fall and spring semesters. The SDS faculty set the policy that students employed as Teaching Assistants in positions funded through the School of Data Science are limited to a maximum of 20 hours per week. There is a Federal Policy that blocks extended on-campus employment hours in excess of 20 hours a week for international students. Specifically, the new HR policy DOES NOT APPLY to international students on an F-1 or J-1 visa. For more information, please visit the International Student and Scholar Office ([ISSO website](#) or intlssso@uncc.edu) or the program websites (HIA/DSBA) for more information.

Fall Graduate Assistantship: More Changes in the Funding Model

We received some initial good news regarding the status of Instructional Assistants for the fall. The Graduate School is in the process of communicating new guidelines for students holding Assistantships this fall. We can bypass the Instructional Assistants/Temp Student Worker's model, which would have required bi-weekly timesheets. Fall SDS TA's in the HCIP, DSBA, and DTSC

courses will be funded through the EGA system. Students will receive a slight raise as well. A student working a 20-hour-a-week, 15-week teaching assistantship will be paid \$5400 for the semester, roughly \$18.00 per hour. As part of this policy shift, programs must commit to increasing overall compensation to a \$7000 per semester minimum over the next few years. You can read the current policy [here](#).

2022-2023 Curriculum Revisions

Several curriculum revisions have recently been made. You can read more details below:

[DSBA CURRICULUM REVISIONS](#)

[HIA CURRICULUM REVISIONS](#)

[SPORTS ANALYTICS UNDERGRAD CERTIFICATE](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

- August 8, 2022 - Last day of Summer classes
- August 10, 2022 - Payment due date for Fall
- August 19, 2022 - [HIAN ONLINE Graduate Certificate Orientation](#)
- August 20, 2022 - [HIAN and DSBA Graduate Student Orientation](#)
- August 21, 2022 - [New Student Convocation](#)
- August 22, 2022 - First day of Fall classes



Mark Your
CALENDAR

Data Matters Short Courses: August 8-12, 2022

Data Matters™ is a week-long series of one and two-day courses aimed at students and professionals in business, research, and government. It is sponsored by the Odum Institute for Research in Social Science at UNC-Chapel Hill, the National Consortium for Data Science, and RENCI. The short

course series gives students the chance to learn about a wide range of topics in data science, analytics, visualization, curation, and more from expert instructors. The event will take place during **August 8 - 12, 2022**. It will be **virtual via zoom**.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

New Graduate Student Welcome Reception: August 18, 2022

The Center for Graduate Life and Learning will host a [New Graduate Student Welcome Reception](#) for new and continuing graduate students. Come join us in the Hauser Alumni Pavillion for food, drinks, and networking. Register through the link above.

Online/DE Health Informatics Orientation: August 19, 2022

The ONLINE Health Informatics program students are invited to their Orientation event on Friday, August 19, 2022, from 4:00 - 5:00 PM EST. Please [RSVP](#) to let us know if you can attend.

Fall Orientation for New & Continuing Graduate Students: August 20, 2022

Save the Date! We will be holding our Fall SDS Orientation for new and continuing students in DSBA & HIAN on Saturday, August 20, 2022, from 1:00 - 2:15 PM. This event will be IN PERSON on the main campus in the College of Education, room 065. Meet faculty, network with peers, and learn about what's new for fall 2022. Please [RSVP here](#).

Health Innovation Summit 2022- Adaptability September 27-28, 2022

The [Health Innovation Summit 2022](#) will be held at Camp North End and sponsored by [RevTech Labs](#), targeted at entrepreneurs and innovators in the Healthcare space. The Health Innovation Summit is a marquee event focused on elevating the Carolinas as the epicenter of healthcare innovation and highlighting the critical work of local organizations, entrepreneurs, and health systems in our region. At this year's

Summit, we're bringing together industry experts and innovators to discuss some of the industry's most disruptive topics and the future of health.

[Purchase Tickets Here](#)



HEALTH INNOVATION
SUMMIT

2022

Student RESOURCES

Planning on a Fall Internship?

Visit the respective web pages for the HIA and DSBA internships. Each site has links to the most recent course syllabi and resources on how to prepare to submit a successful proposal.

- [HIA Internship Course](#)
- [DSBA Internship Course](#)

Those actively seeking and are **eligible** for placement in fall 2022 can **submit their resume [HERE](#)**. We create a resume book to share with industry partners and employers. This should not be seen as a substitute for researching and applying on your own. Please make sure to bookmark the [Career Center's DS aggregator](#).

Heads Up! Presidential Management Fellows Information Sessions

Sessions for graduate students/potential applicants will be held in August/September. To learn more about those sessions and for additional details on the PMF Class of 2023 Application, [click here](#). For resources related to the 2023 Application for academia, [click here](#).

Reinvent the Wheel Hackathon November 11th- 12th

The objective of this year's Reinvent the Wheel Hackathon will focus on sustainability and using data science to reduce the environmental impact of a global automotive supply chain. The competition is sponsored by [Torqata](#) (formerly ATD CoE Advanced Analytics team). This fast-growing data analytics company is based in Huntersville, NC. Applications for teams to participate will open on July 1st. With 100+ future innovators competing to solve a real-world problem over 24 hours - and participation from community leaders and organizations with a vested interest in potential solutions - there will be no shortage of recruitment and networking opportunities. A new site for the hackathon should be live any day.

Women in Data



Looking to get connected? [Women in Data](#) was created in 2015 as a place for data enthusiasts of all backgrounds to connect, grow, and lead together. Its mission is to increase diversity in data careers. For the latest newsletter, [click here](#).

Grow Your Professional Network - Join HIMSS



HIMSS (Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society) is a global advisor, thought leader, and member-based society committed to reforming the global health ecosystem through the power of information and technology. As a mission-driven non-profit, HIMSS offers a unique depth and breadth of expertise in health innovation, public policy, workforce development, research,

and digital health transformation to advise leaders, stakeholders, and influencers across the global health ecosystem on best practices. HIMSS hosts state chapters across the US and a benchmark national conference. The [NCHIMSS](#) state chapter hosts regular meetups and opportunities to network directly with thought leaders in Health Informatics. There is a student discount membership rate. More information can be found [HERE](#).

Important!

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Faculty & Staff
NEWS

John Tobias Featured in Charlotte Inno

John Tobias was recognized for his efforts to boost diversity and inclusion in sports analytics. Read more about it [here](#). He is also leading the development of UNC Charlotte's new [Sports Analytics Certificate](#), a collaboration between the School of Data Science and [APHCS](#).

New Faculty Joining SDS

The SDS is excited to welcome several new faculty this fall!

- [Shaoyu Li](#) - recently joined the Belk College of Business as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Marketing. This fall, she will teach two DSBA 6276 Strategic Business Analytics sections. Her main research area is statistical genetics and genomics.
- [Cory Hefner](#) - is joining the SDS from TIAA, where he is currently a Lead Data Scientist. He is a North Carolina State University graduate with a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering and a Master of Science in Analytics. He will be teaching Applied Machine Learning DSBA 6156 this fall.

- **Brad Williams** - will be teaching a section of DSBA 6276 Strategic Business Analytics this fall. He has been a lecturer at the Belk College of Business and has worked at Bank of America for several years as a Director and Risk Analysis executive.

**To Learn More and Register for
Upcoming SDS Events
Visit the [SDS News & Events Page](#)**



Featured Job
OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for more internships and job postings? Log into [Hire-a-Niner](#) or use their convenient [School of Data Science](#) aggregator.

Epic Business Intelligence Developer - Charlotte Eye Ear Nose & Throat



Alumni
CORNER

Looking for an opportunity to re-engage with the School of Data Science? This summer we are pulling together an informal meeting of alumni to share ideas for alumni engagement: industry panel sessions, mentoring opportunities, resume and interviewing support, etc. We are scheduling an initial virtual session and a potential in-person planning meeting. If you are interested in

participating please fill out the interest form below. You can also reach out to [Josh Hertel](#) with questions.

[SDS Alumni Touchbase](#)

Managing Director, Data Science at Sia Partners

[Managing Director Data Science](#)

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READ MORE

Looking to Recruit SDS Talent?

If your company is looking to target new talent, a reminder for alumni that Hire-a-Niner is still available to you- *as an employer*. You can limit your reach to students - graduate and undergraduate - enrolled in the School of Data Science or target the entire campus. Please let us know when you post and we will make sure that it also gets featured in the regular SDS newsletters.

POSTING JOBS/INTERNSHIPS

GET CONNECTED with SDS!

Feel free to join the School of Data Science GroupMe and Slack Channel for regular updates.

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