



Nexus: Networking Across Disciplines fosters the emergence of interdisciplinary research teams by providing faculty with structured opportunities to learn about one another's research and brainstorm areas of mutual interest. Through a series of summer workshops, Nexus supports the initial stages of project development as faculty formulate shared research questions, consider analytical strategies, and identify potential funding sources.

Nexus 2025 centers around three summer workshops with a preliminary outline as follows:

Thursday, May 15 (9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. with lunch) (Harris Alumni Center)

- Share individual research interests and identify areas of overlap
- Brainstorm possible directions for collaborative research

Friday, May 16 (9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. with lunch) (Harris Alumni Center)

- Develop research questions and analytical approaches
- Plan strategies for advancing collaborations over the summer

Wednesday, August 13 (9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. with lunch) (Harris Alumni Center)

- Present proposed projects and strategies to sustain collaboration
- Discuss interdisciplinary funding opportunities and grant writing strategies

Nexus 2025 aims to foster interdisciplinary research collaborations that advance our understanding of community health and well-being and inform the development of innovative, evidence-based solutions to persistent challenges. (For more information about this year's theme, see the [Nexus website](#).) Any full-time UNC Charlotte faculty member working or planning to work in these areas can apply to participate in the program. Existing interdisciplinary teams of researchers can apply to participate only if they are in the initial stages of project development and are seeking additional collaborators. Applications are due by 5 p.m. on Monday, April 7 (see attached cover sheet). Each faculty member in the Nexus program will receive a \$1,000 stipend for participating fully in the in-person workshops; half will be paid in June 2025 and the remainder in September 2025.

Nexus 2025 is organized by the College of Humanities & Earth and Social Sciences and the Division of Research with support from the Cato College of Education, the College of Health and Human Services, and the College of Computing and Informatics. Questions can be directed to CHES Associate Dean Beth Whitaker (bwhitaker@charlotte.edu).



**Nexus 2025: Networking Across Disciplines
Application Cover Sheet**

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 5:00 p.m., Monday, April 7, 2025

Name: _____ **Title:** _____

Department: _____ **E-Mail:** _____

List 3 keywords/topics related to this year's theme around which you would like to brainstorm with colleagues:

Please attach to this application:

- **Statement of Interest:** A short narrative (maximum 1 page single-spaced) outlining your: (1) motivation for participating in Nexus; (2) research interests, particularly as they relate to the Nexus 2025 theme; and (3) history of involvement in interdisciplinary research collaborations (if any). Please indicate if you are part of an existing team that is applying to participate in the Nexus program together.
- **Curriculum Vitae:** An abridged curriculum vitae that includes a complete list of publications and your most relevant teaching and service activities.
- **Statement of Support:** A statement of support for your application from your department chair (this can simply be a 1-2 sentence email).

Participant responsibilities:

If I am selected to participate in the Nexus program, I agree to:

- Read suggested materials about building interdisciplinary teams before the first workshop.
- Attend and actively participate in the early summer workshops on May 15 (9 a.m.-3 p.m.) and May 16 (9 a.m.-1 p.m.) with a goal of forming one or more working groups on related research topics. I will bring a laptop to facilitate searches and collaborative brainstorming in shared documents.
- Spend time over the summer interacting with colleagues in my working group(s) to share and read materials and brainstorm collaborative research ideas.
- Prepare a presentation describing my group's proposed interdisciplinary research project(s) and strategies to sustain the collaboration. These may include continuing working group meetings into the academic year, submitting external grant proposals to targeted programs, and/or working toward a collaborative publication.
- Attend and actively participate in the closing workshop on August 13 (9 a.m.-3 p.m.) to present my group's plans, gather feedback, and provide feedback to other groups.
- Respond to periodic follow-up surveys to assess the status of collaborative research activities.
- Receive periodic emails about relevant programs and opportunities to promote interdisciplinary research.

If I am selected to participate in the Nexus program and fulfill the above responsibilities, I understand that I will receive a stipend of \$1,000 divided evenly between my June 15, 2025, and September 15, 2025, paychecks.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Save materials as a single PDF document with your last name as the file name and submit it using [this form](#) by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 7, 2025.