UNC Charlotte is North Carolina’s urban research university. Since its founding 73 years ago, UNC Charlotte has transformed from a night school serving World War II veterans into a vibrant research university. This is one of the great success stories of American higher education.

UNC Charlotte leverages its location in the state’s largest city to offer internationally competitive programs of research and creative activity; exemplary undergraduate, graduate and professional programs; and a focused set of community engagement initiatives. The University maintains a particular commitment to addressing the cultural, economic, educational, environmental, health and social needs of the greater Charlotte region. It is the third largest University in the UNC System.

HISTORY

1946 Charlotte Center opened Uptown by UNC
1963 Four-year status conferred
1965 Became the fourth institution of the UNC System
1969 First master’s year program
1993 Doctoral programs authorized
2011 UNC Charlotte Center City opens
Exponential: The Campaign for UNC Charlotte is the largest campaign in the University’s history with a goal of $200 million. Exponential is truly transforming UNC Charlotte by providing scholarships and resources for students, research opportunities for faculty and reaffirming the University’s position as an economic engine for the Charlotte region.

ENGAGED FACULTY AND STAFF

- **3,700** faculty and staff
- **85%** of faculty hold terminal degrees
- Research awards totaling **$51 million**
- Student to faculty ratio is **19:1**

ENGAGEMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- **Economic Impact** on the Charlotte region is **more than $2.1 billion**.
- **PORTAL**: The Partnership Outreach and Research to Accelerate Learning building serves as an innovative center for regional and global business pioneers.
- **EPIC**: The Energy Production and Infrastructure Center supplies well-educated and highly trained engineers, and provides sustainable support for applied research.
- **Second-highest** producer of teachers in North Carolina
- **Community Engaged University** recognized by The Carnegie Foundation

ATHLETICS

- Student-athletes completed **4,295 hours** of community service during the 2018-19 academic year
- **62%** of student-athletes earn a **3.0 GPA** or better
- **18** Division 1 sports; including nationally ranked men’s soccer and women’s golf

EXPOENTIAL CAMPAIGN PILLARS

- **Securing faculty support** **$9.8 MILLION**
- **Advancing innovation and knowledge** **$20.8 MILLION**
- **Improving the student experience** **$101.2 MILLION**
- **Ensuring access and scholarship** **$59.5 MILLION**

POINTS OF PRIDE

- **Top 5** nationally for number of startups per million dollars research funding
- Record **28** U.S. patents in 2018
- **College of Computing and Informatics** is the largest computer science program in the Carolinas and one of the largest in the U.S.
- **Belk College of Business** is one of the largest business schools in the Carolinas
- **144,000** living alumni; **76,271** in the Charlotte region
- **Light rail** connects UNC Charlotte to the heart of the city