



The start of the semester is coming soon! I hope you have had a productive and relaxing summer. As noted below, we are in a new space. Come by and see us. It is so much easier to see us now! My office is 1028D in Colvard. One of the key items for SDS is to build a research culture amongst you. With all the COVID restrictions and working from home, it has been hard to get connected to other SDS faculty that you haven't always worked with.

- Dongsong Zhang



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- Max 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 20 hours per week. A Federal Policy blocks extended on-campus employment hours for international students in excess of 20 hours a week. 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](#)



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[More Information](#)

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.

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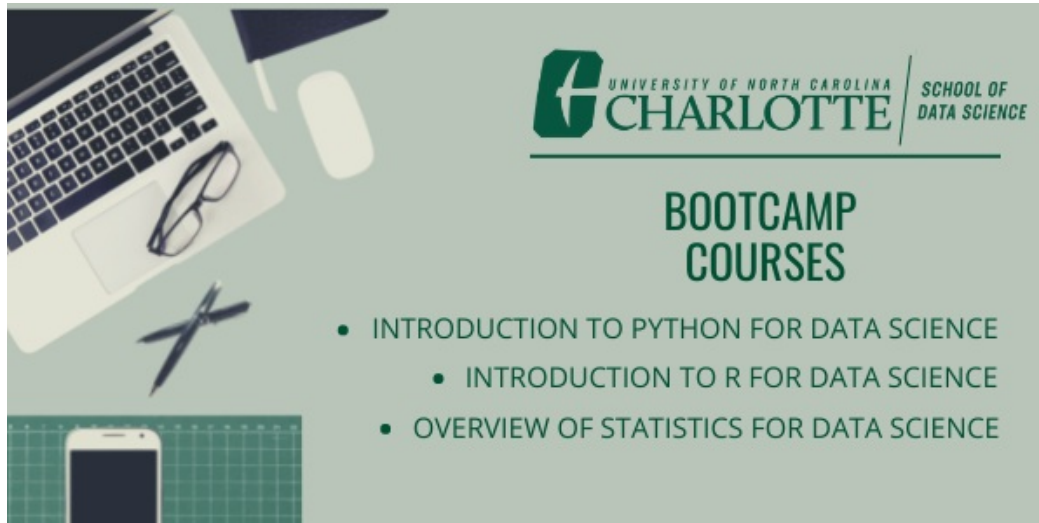
New Email Signatures

We have updated the SDS email signature template with the recent move to the Colvard Building. There are a few variations, including the new address and links to our social media accounts.

[Updated Email Signature](#)

SDS Bootcamps- Relunched for Summer & Fall 2022

All three of the current SDS boot camps (Introduction to Python, Introduction to R, and an Overview of Statistics) were reviewed this spring and relaunched for summer/fall 2022. There is also a Beta SAS Bootcamp specifically created for HIA students, [Introduction to SAS for Health Analytics](#).

A graphic for SDS Bootcamp Courses. On the left, there is a collage of items: a laptop keyboard, a mouse, a pair of glasses, a pen, and a smartphone. On the right, the University of North Carolina Charlotte School of Data Science logo is displayed. Below the logo, the text 'BOOTCAMP COURSES' is written in a bold, sans-serif font. Underneath, a bulleted list of three courses is provided: 'INTRODUCTION TO PYTHON FOR DATA SCIENCE', 'INTRODUCTION TO R FOR DATA SCIENCE', and 'OVERVIEW OF STATISTICS FOR DATA SCIENCE'.

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Student RESOURCES

Data Matters Short-Course Series | Virtual | August 8 - 12

Data Matters™ is a week-long series of one and two-day courses aimed at students and professionals in business, research, and government. 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.

[LEARN MORE](#)

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.



Specifying SDS as an Affiliate Center

When routing a proposal, **please make sure to specify SDS as an affiliated center in the Niner Research system** in addition to your home department, so the school can keep track of the proposals submitted and awarded by our faculty. Instructions can be found on the [Research tab](#) of our website.

CDC announces new Center for Forecasting and Outbreak Analytics

The Center will bring together next-generation public health data, expert disease modelers, public health emergency responders, and high-quality communications to meet decision-makers' needs.

[MORE INFORMATION HERE](#)

NSF Scholarships in Science, Technology, Education and Mathematics Program

The National Science Foundation currently has a funding opportunity for low-income STEM students. Interested in submitting a proposal? Email [Dongsong Zhang](mailto:Dongsong.Zhang).



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