

# Request for Funding of the DEAN'S AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

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OBJECTIVES	<p>The Dean's Ambassador Program is a group of students dedicated to supporting, promoting, and representing the College of Computing and Informatics (CCI). The CCI Dean's Ambassadors are the student leaders who demonstrate leadership, community engagement, and academic excellence. They draw on their knowledge and experience to highlight the strong sense of community and pride in CCI. As the face of CCI, the Dean's Ambassadors show prospective students just why CCI is so great and what life is really like as a CCI student.</p>
BENEFITS	<p>The CCI Dean's Ambassadors are the role models within the College and community. They will provide CCI with four key benefits:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>Identity</b> Dean's Ambassadors will be established as a group of elite students who are knowledgeable about CCI programs and faculty members. Dean's Ambassadors will be the model of the T-shaped students to their peers in the College.</li><li>2. <b>Recruitment</b> Dean's Ambassadors will act as a recruitment vehicle for CCI for high school and undeclared student populations. In particular, Dean's Ambassadors will collaborate with the student organizations (STARS, ACM-W, 49SD) in outreach activities to the CMS middle and high school students. During outreach activities, Ambassadors will inform CMS students about the CCI academic opportunities. At the UNC-Charlotte Explore events, Ambassadors will interact with prospective students and their families at the CCI info table.</li><li>3. <b>Involvement</b> Dean's Ambassadors will assist CCI faculty and staff at scheduled events hosted by CCI, including, but not limited to, the Scholarship Donor's Reception, High Achievers Celebration, and Award Luncheon. Dean's Ambassadors will represent CCI in other capacities, such as serving on student panels or student speakers.</li><li>4. <b>Engagement</b> Dean's Ambassadors will spread awareness about student organizations, scholarships, internships, co-ops, business partners program, study abroad program, the honors program, and undergraduate research opportunities. They will be an integral part of various CCI student organizations by becoming the focal contact among their peers for all activities that are taking place around the College. They will also listen to the CCI student community for any common concerns or input for improvements to the College.</li></ol>
QUALIFICATIONS	<p>A position of Dean's Ambassador is one of high esteem and a source of self-enrichment. A Dean's Ambassador shall possess the following qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A CCI undergraduate student with a cumulative GPA of 3.0</li><li>• Recommendations from at least two (2) CCI faculty members</li><li>• Dedication to the group (can commit up to 4-5 hours/week)</li><li>• Commitment to leadership development</li><li>• Sincere desire to represent the College</li><li>• Effective speaking skills and ability to make a positive first impression</li><li>• Ability to work well with others and adapt to a variety of situations</li><li>• Responsibility, dependability, reliability</li></ul>
HIRING PROCESS	<p>The Dean's Ambassadors Program has one hiring cycle beginning in April. Students must attend the information session which will be held on <b>April 16th</b> before applying. The application for the five ambassador positions will be available on <b>April 10th</b>. The hiring process for the Dean's Ambassadors Team is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Students submit online applications that are evaluated by the CCI Student Career Manager.</li><li>2. Selected students from the application pool are called back and offered a group interview.</li><li>3. Following the group interview stage, selected students are called back for individual interviews.</li><li>4. After individual interviews, final selections and offers to the team are made.</li></ol> <p>The Ambassador Team will attend a mandatory training session before they can begin their duties.</p>

## BUDGET

The proposed budget will be committed for funding the Dean's Ambassador Program:

Stipend for Spring and Fall (\$1,500/member X 5 members) *	\$7,500
Event Coordinator **	\$1,500
Promotional Supplies ***	\$1,000

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Total Projected Expense	<b>\$10,000</b>
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\* A Dean's Ambassador will be paid by stipend which is equally divided as monthly paycheck.

\*\* An Event Coordinator is necessary to manage the events and ensure effective communications.

\*\*\* Promotional Supplies include gold-plated name tags, shirts, jackets, coffee mugs, posters, banners, and other marketing giveaways items.

## PERKS

The CCI students who participate as a Dean's Ambassador will have opportunities to develop as a leader and a professional:

- Network with other student leaders
- Develop lifelong friendship with other Ambassadors
- Have lots of fun
- Work with different populations and diverse groups
- Improvise and think on one's feet
- Gain more information about the opportunities CCI has to offer
- Share positive personal experience and leave an impact for future students
- Improve public speaking skills
- Practice project management and logistics skills
- Enrolled in the UNC Charlotte leadership program called PILOT
- Build a stronger CCI community

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The Dean's Ambassadors Program or similar initiative has been successfully implemented at many prestigious schools around the nation: **Harvard University**, Kennedy School of Government; **NC State University**, Poole College of Management; **Carnegie Mellon University**, Office of the Dean; **Stony Brook University**, Office of the Dean of Students; **University of Texas**, School of Architecture among many more.

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