PREPARING FUTURE LEADERS

PREPARING FUTURE FACULTY & PREPARING FUTURE PROFESSIONALS:

Introducing a new professional development initiative developed by The Graduate School to prepare graduate students for what lies beyond earning the degree. Early professionalization for graduate students is increasingly important to gain an advantage in a highly competitive global job market. The Preparing Future Leaders Program, consisting of the Preparing Future Faculty and Preparing Future Professionals tracks, offers a series of workshops, opportunities for professional experience, faculty mentoring, peer collaboration, and critical resources that gives graduate students a distinct advantage to be successful and dynamic future faculty members and professionals.

CHECK OUT THE GRADUATE SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON SIGNING UP: GRS.UNCG.EDU/PFL
The Graduate Schools of UNCG and NCA&T are partnering together to offer an exciting professional development initiative for graduate students to develop essential skills for success in their fields and future careers. The PREPARING FUTURE LEADERS PROGRAM (PFL) offers two tracks for graduate students in all graduate programs: 1) Preparing Future Faculty (PFF) designed to prepare graduate students for faculty positions in academia, and 2) Preparing Future Professionals (PFP) aimed at readying future leaders in professional careers in the business, industry, governmental and non-profit sectors. By offering quality opportunities to research, gain experience and collaborate with faculty and professional leaders, mentors and peers the PFL program equips graduate students to be competitive in the global market and prepares them for gratifying and successful professional lives.

**PFL AT A GLANCE**

- Work closely with a faculty mentor
- Build strong professional connections
- Gain valuable training & experience
- Compile an electronic portfolio and CV
- Develop essential job documents
- Enhance marketability and leadership
- Collaborate with peers and faculty
- Engage in early professionalization
- Receive official notice on transcripts

**HOW IT WORKS**: Students sign up to attend a series of free workshops, talks and symposia conducted by The Graduate School and other university departments focused on career skills, teaching, research, service, effective communication and professionalization. Working closely with a faculty mentor students will compile an electronic portfolio consisting of essential job documents, best practices, personal reflections and evaluations as they prepare to be dynamic and accomplished professionals or faculty members after they receive their graduate degree. Go to the PFL webpage on The Graduate School’s website – grs.uncg.edu/pfl – to find enrollment forms, program requirements, resources for PFL scholars and more information about the program.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**: Check out the PFL website: grs.uncg.edu/pfl or email Craig Morehead at crmorehe@uncg.edu