



## Research Scholar Policies

### Enrollment Requirements

Visiting Scholars who are students in their home country are required to be enrolled in 3 credit hours during the summer session and 6 credit hours during both fall and spring semesters. These credit hours will either be in the scholar's field of study or in English as a Second Language, depending upon the scholar's English proficiency level. English proficiency criteria are described below.

Visiting Scholars who are faculty members in their home country and meet the English language requirement are not required to take classes. Their contribution to UNC will be worked out with the sponsoring faculty member and department head, such as being a guest lecturer, etc. Others may just conduct research if agreeable to the sponsoring faculty member.

### English Language Proficiency

In order to meet the English language proficiency requirements to qualify for a position as a research scholar at the University of Northern Colorado, potential applicants must provide original documentation verifying at least one of the following criteria:

1. The research scholar currently teaches courses in English at his/her home university. If it has been more than 10 years since the research scholar applicant has taught in English, then a current TOEFL score must be submitted.
2. The research scholar applicant has completed an undergraduate or graduate degree from a university which used English as the primary language of instruction (e.g. England, Australia, the United States, etc.). If it has been more than 10 years since the degree was completed and the research scholar applicant has not been using English regularly since that time, then a current TOEFL must be submitted.
3. TOEFL score requirements for research scholar applicants are:
  - a. Computer-Based Test: 213
  - b. Paper-Based Test: 550

If the research scholar applicant cannot provide verifiable evidence that he/she meets one of the first two criteria and the TOEFL score that is submitted is below the required proficiency levels, then the research scholar applicant will be notified that if the applicant chooses to come to UNC, the applicant will be required to choose one of the following two options to improve English proficiency while at UNC:

**Option 1:** Three Credits of English language coursework only

Enroll in the currently established English as a Second Language coursework through UNC's Intensive English Language Program to meet the required three hours of coursework per semester.

**Option 2:** Six Credits of coursework in the research scholar's field plus a private English tutor.

With this option, the research scholar applicant pays CIE for a private English tutor in addition to paying tuition for six credits of coursework in the applicant's field of study.