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Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to announce the Innovation@UNC (I@UNC) proposals that will be funded for implementation in the coming year. Through this work, we have been launching new academic programs, reaching untapped student populations, testing new pedagogies, and improving how we support students.

Again this year, each of the proposals, whether individually funded or not, reflects a wonderful innovative idea. As you well know, we are responding to a magnitude of change unparalleled in UNC's history. This is a multiyear endeavor, and the work we have done this academic year through I@UNC is clearly moving us in the right direction.

You may recall, we received 24 I@UNC concept papers during this second round. These proposals involved the work of more than 70 faculty, staff, students, and community partners. Proposals were evaluated through a broad review process that included feedback from Comment Teams of faculty and staff, a Review Team of people with campus-wide leadership responsibilities, and other members of the campus community. Twelve concepts were identified to be developed into full proposals. The three projects selected for funding are:

New Programs and Reaching New Learners

- Chinese Teacher Licensure: An Integrated Approach
- Rural Care Transitions: Creating an Interdisciplinary Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Program

Student Success and Testing New Pedagogies

- Motivating and Retaining the Murky Middle: A Social-Psychological Intervention

If you'd like to see the original proposals, they are available on the I@IUNC SharePoint site at [www.unco.edu/innovation/](http://www.unco.edu/innovation/). We will also be posting progress updates on the site when implementation is under way.

With your leadership, UNC is building on its strong heritage in academic excellence while reaching upward and outward for new opportunities. Thank you.

Best Regards,

Kay and Robbyn