Nexus: Networking Across Disciplines fosters the emergence of interdisciplinary research teams by providing faculty with structured opportunities to learn about one another's research and brainstorm areas of mutual interest. Through a series of summer workshops, Nexus supports the initial stages of project development as faculty formulate shared research questions, consider analytical strategies, and identify potential funding sources.

Nexus 2024 centers around three summer workshops with a preliminary outline as follows:

> Tuesday, May 21 (9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. with lunch) (Harris Alumni Center)
> - Share individual research interests and identify areas of overlap
> - Brainstorm possible directions for collaborative research
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> Wednesday, May 22 (9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. with lunch) (Harris Alumni Center)
> - Develop research questions and analytical approaches
> - Plan strategies for advancing collaborations over the summer
>
> Wednesday, August 14 (9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. with lunch) (Harris Alumni Center)
> - Present proposed projects and strategies to sustain collaboration
> - Discuss interdisciplinary funding opportunities and grant writing strategies

Nexus 2024 targets full-time faculty in two recognized [research areas of focus and distinction](): 1) Artificial Intelligence (including uses and social impact); and 2) Online Misinformation and Deception. Any faculty member working or planning to work in these areas can apply to participate in the program regardless of whether they participated in the Top-Tier Research Commission nomination process. Existing interdisciplinary teams of researchers can apply to participate if they are in the initial stages of project development and are seeking additional collaborators. Applications are due by 5 p.m. on Monday, April 8 (see attached cover sheet). Each faculty member in the Nexus program will receive a $1,000 stipend for participating fully in the workshops, with half paid in June 2024 and the remainder in September 2024.

Nexus 2024 is organized by the College of Humanities & Earth and Social Sciences and the Division of Research with support from the Cato College of Education, the College of Health and Human Services, and the College of Computing and Informatics. Questions can be directed to CHESS Interim Associate Dean Beth Whitaker (bwhitaker@charlotte.edu).

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Nexus 2024: Networking Across Disciplines
Application Cover Sheet

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 5:00 p.m., Monday, April 8, 2024

Name: _____ **Title:** _____

Department: _____ **E-Mail:** _____

I am applying to participate in interdisciplinary brainstorming discussions in the following research area(s):

☐ **Artificial Intelligence**   ☐ **Online Misinformation and Deception**

Please attach to this application:

- **Statement of Interest:** A short narrative (maximum 1 page single-spaced) outlining your: (1) motivation for participating in Nexus; (2) research interests, particularly as they relate to the targeted area of focus and distinction identified above; and (3) history of involvement in interdisciplinary research collaborations (if any). Please indicate if you are part of an existing team that is applying to participate in the Nexus program together.
- **Curriculum Vitae:** An abridged curriculum vitae that includes a complete list of publications and your most relevant teaching and service activities.
- **Statement of Support:** A statement of support for your application from your department chair (this can simply be a 1-2 sentence email).

Participant responsibilities:

If I am selected to participate in the Nexus program, I agree to:

- Read suggested materials about building interdisciplinary teams before the first workshop.
- Attend and actively participate in the early summer workshops on May 21 (9 a.m.-3 p.m.) and May 22 (9 a.m.-1 p.m.) with a goal of forming one or more working groups on related research topics. I will bring a laptop to facilitate searches and collaborative brainstorming in shared documents.
- Spend time over the summer interacting with colleagues in my working group(s) to share and read materials and brainstorm collaborative research ideas.
- Prepare a presentation describing my group's proposed interdisciplinary research project(s) and strategies to sustain the collaboration. These may include continuing working group meetings into the academic year, submitting external grant proposals to targeted programs, and/or working toward a collaborative publication.
- Attend and actively participate in the closing workshop on August 14 (9 a.m.-3 p.m.) to present my group's plans, gather feedback, and provide feedback to other groups.
- Respond to periodic follow-up surveys to assess the status of collaborative research activities.
- Receive periodic emails about relevant programs and opportunities to promote and support interdisciplinary research.

If I am selected to participate in the Nexus program and fulfill the above responsibilities, I understand that I will receive a stipend of $1,000 divided evenly between my June 15, 2024, and September 15, 2024, paychecks.

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Applicant's Signature   *Date*
***Save materials as a single PDF document with your last name as the file name and
submit it using* this form *by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 8, 2024.***

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