

Affiliate Scholar Program

Benefits of being an Affiliate Scholar:

- Eligible for
 - Research grants
 - To support sport innovation scholarship.
 - Future Sport Innovation Affiliate Recognition Awards
 - Scholarship
 - Designed to recognize excellence in publications, presentations, workshops, etc. in the sport innovation area.
 - Teaching
 - Designed to recognize excellence in instruction, mentoring, course/program development, etc. in the sport innovation area.
 - Economic Development
 - Designed to recognize excellence in collaborating with sport industry partners and/or other sport community members.
 - Affiliated Scholars can nominate students for
 - Sport innovation awards
- Access to
 - Industry connections and project support
 - Innovation resources focused on sport
 - Economic development resources focused on supporting sport innovation
- Communications
 - Affiliates will be highlighted on different social media platforms such as the UNLV Sports Innovation Institute website, LinkedIn, and Instagram, for example.
 - Invitations to special events and speaker series.
- Promotion of courses offered
- Support to create micro-credentials, certificate programs

Expectations of an Affiliate Scholar:

- Be active mentoring undergraduate and/or graduate students in an area of sport innovation / research.
- Be active in at least one of these areas:
 - Working on scholarship that leads to publications and external grant applications and awards related to sport innovation / research.
 - Delivering and/or developing innovative sport-related curriculum.

- Working with a sport industry partner and willing to disclose the following information:
 - Research project title and brief description.
 - Intellectual property development goals (e.g., patent, trademark, licensing, copyright, etc.).
 - Grant funding and/or applications related to the project (e.g., STTR/SBIR).
 - Services provided to sport industry.
 - Internship and/or education partnerships.
- Working with the community on a sport innovation project.
- Other expectations:
 - Being available to consult with sport industries that connect to UNLV Sports Innovation Institute.
 - Including 'UNLV Sports Innovation Institute Affiliate Scholar' in email signatures.
 - If funds or resources are received via the UNLV Sports Innovation Institute, including acknowledgement in presentations, posters, and/or manuscripts.
 - Providing sport innovation related accomplishments each semester that could be included in the UNLV Sports Innovation Institute reports.

What is an Affiliate Scholar?

As an academic faculty member, scholarly activity embodies a commitment to advancing knowledge, critical inquiry, and academic excellence in a specific field of study. It encompasses a wide range of intellectual endeavors aimed at creating, disseminating, and applying scholarly work.

Scholarly activity represents a multifaceted and dynamic pursuit of knowledge and understanding that not only advances a discipline but also enhances teaching, enriches the academic community, and contributes to society at large. It is marked by a continuous cycle of inquiry, discovery, and dissemination, driven by intellectual curiosity and a dedication to academic excellence.

Below are examples of core components of scholarly activity for an Affiliate Scholar. It is not expected that Affiliates will have all of these core components. Instead, these descriptions emphasize the broad nature of Scholar expertise that could be described in the application for Affiliate status.

- **Research:** Engaging in rigorous, methodical investigation to discover new information or interpret existing knowledge. Research can be theoretical, empirical, experimental, or applied, depending on the discipline.
- **Publication:** Writing and publishing scholarly articles, books, and other works that contribute to the academic dialogue within a field. Publications serve as a primary means of sharing research findings with the academic community and beyond.
- **Teaching and Curriculum Development:** Developing and delivering educational programs and courses that reflect the latest research and pedagogical best practices. This includes integrating one's own research into teaching to enrich student learning experiences.
- **Peer Review:** Participating in the peer review process for academic journals, conference papers, and research grants. This critical evaluation work supports the integrity and quality of scholarly communication.
- **Presentations and Conferences:** Sharing research and scholarly findings through presentations at academic conferences, seminars, and workshops. These venues provide opportunities for feedback, collaboration, and networking with peers in the field.

- **Grants and Funding:** Applying for and securing grants and funding to support research projects and scholarly initiatives. This aspect of scholarly activity requires the ability to articulate the value and impact of one's research to funding bodies.
- **Professional Service:** Contributing to the academic community and discipline through roles such as serving on editorial boards, academic committees, accreditation bodies, and professional organizations. This service helps shape the direction and standards of the field.
- **Engagement with the Broader Community:** Extending scholarly activity beyond academia through public lectures, community-based research, policy development, and media engagement. This helps to apply academic knowledge to societal challenges and promotes the public understanding of academic disciplines.
- **Continuous Learning and Development:** Pursuing ongoing professional development to stay abreast of emerging research, methodologies, and technologies in the field. This commitment to lifelong learning is essential for maintaining academic rigor and relevance.