Military Veterans Graduate Assistantship Program

The Graduate School of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte is pleased to announce a new program to help recruit exceptionally talented military veterans into full-time graduate programs of study at the University. This program provides a graduate assistantship (teaching or research) for two academic years, full tuition support, and health insurance, to two newly admitted graduate students (doctoral or masters) for the fall 2015.

http://graduateschool.uncc.edu/funding-resources/other-graduate-school-awards

The Graduate & Professional Student Government (GPSG)

The Graduate and Professional Student Government provides travel funding for students attending professional conferences or completing research projects. All currently enrolled students are eligible to apply.

www.sco.uncc.edu/gpsg

External Fellowships & Funding

Countless funding opportunities are available as part of local, national, and international competitions. Examples of UNC Charlotte student successes include the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship (www.nsf.gov/grfp), the PEO Scholar Award (http://www.peointernational.org/peo-projectsphilanthropies), and the Dwight David Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship (www.fhwa.dot.gov/tpp/ddetfp.htm).

Several websites offer searchable databases that can assist you in finding current sources of aid:
- PIVOT – http://pivot.cos.com/funding_main
- GrantsNet – http://sciencecareers.sciencemag.org/funding
- GRAPES – www.gdnet.ucla.edu/grpinst.htm

For more information, please visit our website.

Campus Scholarship for Native American Doctoral Students

Students of Native American descent may qualify for educational assistance. Inquiries can be submitted to Johnna Watson, Associate Dean of the Graduate School, at jwwatson@uncc.edu.

Residency Determination Office (RDO)

Information about gaining NC residency for tuition purposes is available through the RDO in 114 Denny Building, or at http://resdetermination.uncc.edu/.

Military Tuition Benefits

Students or dependents of individuals who have served in the military may qualify for in-state tuition under NC General Statute 116-143.3. Contact the RDO for applications and more information.

Other Resources

The GI Bill & VA Yellow Ribbon Program

Some veterans and their dependents qualify for the Yellow Ribbon Program, a collaborative tuition-matching program between UNC Charlotte and the VA Administration. For 2014-15 the Graduate School has increased its commitment for the Yellow Ribbon Program. $6,400/semester can be applied to out-of-state tuition and fees for fall and spring semesters for up to 8 graduate and 4 qualified doctoral participants. For eligibility information, call 704-687-5488 or email the Veterans Student Services Office at veteranservice@uncc.edu. Learn more at http://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/yellow_ribbon/Yellow_Ribbon_Info_Schools.asp.

Recent changes to the GI bill provide educational assistance to dependents of permanently disabled veterans. For up-to-date information regarding the GI bill, please visit www.gibill.va.gov.

FUNDING A GRADUATE EDUCATION

How will I pay for school?

The Graduate School at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte is committed to fostering excellence in all aspects of graduate studies, which includes helping all students learn about the many options available for financing a graduate education.

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Office of Student Financial Aid

Federal & State Aid

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) gives US Citizens and eligible non-citizens access to aid such as grants and loans. For assistance with the FAFSA or your financial aid search, please visit the OSFA in Reese 122, or at www.finaid.uncc.edu.

Tuition Assistant Grants

Tuition Assistant Grants (TAG) are administered through the OSFA for graduate students demonstrating financial need through the FAFSA, regardless of state residency. Funds are awarded to eligible students until exhausted. Learn more about TAG at http://finaid.uncc.edu/types-aid/grants#need.

Forgivable Education Loans for Service (FELS)
The Forgivable Education Loans for Service (FELS) Program was established by the North Carolina Assembly to provide assistance to qualified students who are committed to working in North Carolina in designated critical employment shortage professions. The Forgivable Education Loans for Service (FELS) Approved Education Programs 2014-15 For information on deadlines, eligibility, value, and application procedure, please visit www.cfnc.org/FELS.

Scholarships

Scholarships are a form of gift aid given on a need or merit basis. Contact your department for information about their scholarships. The OSFA has compiled a database of some of the scholarships available at UNC Charlotte, which can be accessed from http://finaid.uncc.edu/types-aid/scholarships.

Private Loans

Loans (non-federal) are available for domestic and international students through private lenders. To view UNC Charlotte’s preferred lender list selection, please visit http://finaid.uncc.edu/types-aid/loans.

Office of Student Accounts

Interest Free University Payment Plans

The University Payment Plan enables graduate students to break their tuition and fees down into smaller, more manageable installments. A non-refundable fee is due at the time of enrollment each semester. Other terms and conditions may apply. To learn more, visit their website at http://finance.uncc.edu/controllers-office/student-accounts/payment-plan-options.

Academic Departments

Graduate Program Directors

Each graduate program has a director who is familiar with the needs of students within that discipline and can help you to learn more about aid within your academic department, college, and beyond. Find your director at http://graduateschool.uncc.edu/future-students/programs.

Employment

Assistantships

Assistantships allow graduate students to gain financial assistance as well as valuable knowledge and experience related to their degree program by fulfilling administrative (AA), teaching (TA), and research (RA) roles within the university. For more information on assistantships, contact your Graduate Program Director, or review open positions posted on the Graduate School website at http://graduateschool.uncc.edu/funding-resources/assistantships-employment.

Other Student Employment

The Student Employment Office assists students in obtaining temporary student worker positions within the university. Visit www.hr.uncc.edu/students, or 200A King Building, for more information.

The University Career Center (UCC) operates a database called NinerJobNet, which offers part-time and full-time employment opportunities.

Detailed information about the services offered within the UCC can be found on their website at http://www.career.uncc.edu, or by visiting their offices in 150 Atkins Building.

Employee Benefits

Already have a job? Many employers offer tuition benefits for individuals seeking to further their education. Be sure to check with your supervisor to see if your company offers employee educational assistance programs.

Full-time, permanent EPA and SPA UNC Charlotte employees may be eligible for tuition waivers or reimbursements. More information can be found at http://hr.uncc.edu/tuition-waiver.

Graduate School

The Graduate School administers several fellowships, scholarships, and tuition awards.

Philanthropic Awards

Each year the Graduate School awards a limited number of philanthropic awards to graduate students. For a complete listing of available opportunities, visit http://graduateschool.uncc.edu/philanthropic-awards.html.

Tuition Awards

Doctoral Students. The Graduate Assistant Support Plan (GASP) is a highly competitive support package that offers eligible students full tuition and health insurance for up to 10 semesters.

Master’s Students. Master’s students holding a teaching or research assistantship are eligible for tuition awards for up to 4 semesters. http://graduateschool.uncc.edu/funding-resources

Students must be nominated by their Graduate Program Director to receive these tuition awards.