Graduate School Philanthropic Awards

Through the University Scholarship Office’s NinerScholars Portal, eligible students will be matched to the following Scholarships and Fellowships. To apply for an award, please visit http://scholarships.uncc.edu.

Joanna R. Baker Memorial Graduate Fellowship

The Joanna R. Baker Memorial Graduate Fellowship was established by friends and colleagues of Dr. Baker to recognize her extraordinary vision of interdisciplinary research and application of information technology to problem solving in the public sector. The Fellowship will be awarded to the applicant who best proposes to apply creative and rigorous (e.g. mathematical, computer science, or information technology based) solutions to challenging public and social policy problems.

- Award: $3,000 plus $750 travel allowance for research presentation at a conference
- New or continuing, full-time master’s or doctoral student in good standing
- U.S. Citizens and international students eligible
- Applicant must demonstrate evidence of rigorous solutions (e.g. mathematical, computer science, or information technology based) applied to challenging public and social policy problems

Craig R. Brown Graduate Fellowship

Dr. Craig R Brown was a UNC Charlotte honors student while receiving numerous awards as a soccer athlete including SunBelt Conference top male academic athlete for two years. Craig also earned a PhD in Finance from the University of Georgia and established a successful career in finance. Craig created this Fellowship to encourage students to seek a graduate degree to improve society in their chosen field.

- Award: $2,000 plus in-state tuition. Tuition award available for a second year, providing criteria met
- First year, full-time master’s or doctoral student
- Minimum GPA of 3.2-4.0
- Permanent resident of the United States
- Intent to focus research on topics that will impact societal issues

DRReaM Graduate Fellowship

The DRReaM Graduate Fellowship is a need-based award that supports a continuing graduate student (domestic or international with plans to stay in the US) in a health-related graduate program. Representing members of the donor’s family, the DRReaM award was established by Dr. Dipti Patel-Misra and is intended to support a student who demonstrates need and shows evidence of service and a philosophy of giving. Her goal is to support full-time graduate students who may struggle financially to complete their master's or doctoral degree.

- Award: $1000
- Continuing, full-time enrollment in health-related graduate program at UNC Charlotte (Health Services Research, Public Health, Nursing, Bioinformatics, Health Informatics, Health Psychology, Social Work, Public Health Sciences, etc.)
- Preference given to first generation graduate student
- Preference to GPA of 3.2-4.0
- Preference to a student with demonstrated financial need determined by Office of Financial Aid
- Preference to U.S. Citizen or international students who intend on remaining in the U.S. after completion of degree
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Faye Jacques Memorial Graduate Fellowship

The Faye Jacques Memorial Graduate Fellowship was established in 2009 by the friends and family of Ms. Faye Jacques in honor of her tireless dedication to UNC Charlotte and graduate education. This Fellowship will be awarded to an outstanding continuing student with demonstrable financial need.

- Award: $1,000
- Full-time, continuing master’s or doctoral student in good standing
- U.S. Citizen
- Demonstrated potential to make a significant contribution to society with their degree
- Preference given to a first-generation graduate student
- Preference given to students who demonstrate financial need as determined by Office of Financial Aid
- Preference given to a North Carolina or South Carolina student

John Paul Lucas, Jr. Scholarship for Educational Leadership

The John Paul Lucas, Jr. Scholarship for Educational Leadership was established in 1984 by Mrs. Maria M. Lucas and is continued today by his children. Mr. Lucas received graduate degrees in English and Psychology and was a prolific writer. A collection of letters, clippings and photographs of the Lucas family from 1924-1971 were given to the Atkins Library in 2004. The Scholarship supports teachers interested in pursuing graduate degrees in English or English Education.

- Award: $1,000
- New or continuing, full-time, master’s degree seeking students in English, English Education, Middle Grades Education, Secondary Education, or Middle and Secondary Education with a concentration in English, English, English Language Arts, English Secondary Education, Middle Grades English and Communication, Creative Writing, English for Specific Purposes, Children’s Literature, Linguistics, Literature, Rhetoric and Composition, Teaching English as a Second Language, or Technical and Professional Writing
- U.S. Citizen
- Previous teaching experience
- Preference given to students with intentions of teaching in North or South Carolina
- Preference given to students with a concentration in writing

Zonta Club Scholarship

The Zonta Club Scholarship was established in 1986 by former members of the Charlotte chapter of the Zonta Club, an international service organization of professional women dedicated to service and advancement of women through violence prevention, education, healthcare, and economic autonomy promotion efforts. The Zonta Club Scholarship is intended to foster the education of incoming students with demonstrable financial need.

- Award: $1,000
- New, full-time master’s of doctoral student
- U.S. Citizen
- Resident of North Carolina
- Preference given to female applicants returning to education after some time away from school
Lucille P. and Edward C. Giles Dissertation-Year Graduate Fellowship

The Giles Dissertation-Year Fellowship is awarded to promising students in the final stages of their doctoral work who demonstrate strong potential to make a significant contribution to society by completing the terminal degree in their chosen discipline. The purpose of the fellowship is to allow students to focus full-time on the dissertation, thus improving quality and shortening the time required to complete the doctoral degree. Lucille Giles valued graduate education and established this fellowship in 1990 to support graduate students in the STEM programs. Mrs. Giles earned a master’s degree in chemistry and had a special interest in the sciences.

- Award Amount: $20,000 service-free fellowship plus $1,000 for travel, health insurance, full tuition and fees. (does not include tuition increments)
- Continuing, full-time doctoral students with 42 hours of graduate coursework completed
- Demonstrated excellent academic achievement
- US citizen or permanent resident
- Advancement to candidacy prior to fall 2017 semester
- Dissertation-year sufficient for candidate to complete all requirements during award year
- Acceptance precludes other employment obligations
- Must be on campus, engaged full-time (9 credit hours/semester)
- Doctoral dissertation research credit only, fall and spring semesters
- Dissertation topics restricted to disciplines to a field of study listed in the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Fields of Study Appendix