Resources:

UNC Affiliated:

**Carolina Center for Public Service:** Information regarding various fellowships, awards, and grants available for both local and international service projects.

**Carolina Experience Enrichment Scholarship:** Carolina students planning to study abroad or work as an unpaid intern for the first time are eligible to apply for a CEES' Fellowship. A preference is granted for exceptional non-traditional, Carolina Covenant, student parent, and transfer students as well as requests accompanied with a grant application from a nonprofit organization.

**GrantSource Library: Social Work:** This guide provides funding resources for masters, doctoral, and international students as comprised from the COS database within the GrantSource Library regarding Social Work. These resources are updated weekly. Must have a UNC Onyen and Password to access.

**Research at Carolina: Internal Funding Opportunities:** The searchable database provides access to funding opportunities for scholarly activities conducted by UNC faculty, staff, postdoctoral scholars, and students through internal sources of funds and other awards from external sponsors which are administered by University units.

**Community Engagement Fellowship:** The Community Engagement Fellowship program awards each year a maximum of five fellowships of up to $2,000 each year to develop and implement engagement or engaged scholarship projects that (1) employ innovative, sustainable approaches to complex social needs and (2) have an academic connection. Returning, full-time graduate students (individuals or teams) at UNC-Chapel Hill are eligible to apply with preference given to interdisciplinary teams of students. The fellowships run from March-October with project implementation occurring during the summer.

**UNC Global:** The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill offers an array of competitive and non-competitive funding opportunities for faculty, graduate students and undergraduate students. To expand the University’s global work and facilitate the academic and professional growth of its students and faculty, UNC funds curriculum development, field research, study abroad, international internships, conference participation, foreign language training and more.

**UNC Office of Scholarships & Financial Aid:** Gives information on funding information for the entire university.

Social Work Organizations:

**Council on Social Work Education:** CSWE provides a number of funding opportunities for students and faculty members.

**National Association of Black Social Workers (NABSW) Scholarship** : Scholarships available to African-American students who are paid active members of NABSW.

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**NASW Advocacy for Loan Forgiveness:** Updated information on loan forgiveness opportunities for Social Workers from NASW.

**NASW Scholarships:** Information on scholarships available through NASW.

**State Government:**

**Child Welfare Education Collaborative:** The N.C. Child Welfare Education Collaborative prepares and trains students for practice in public child welfare. The Collaborative grants financial support to students who commit to working in a county department of social services upon graduation.

**Federal Government:**

**Federal Perkins Loan Program:** Information about the Federal Perkins Loans.

**Federal Student Aid:** Mostly for undergraduates, but still a good source for free information, guidance and tools for federal student assistance—from the U.S. Department of Education’s office of Federal Student Aid. (For the Federal Student Aid Information Center, call 1-800-433-3243)

**Free Application for Federal Student Aid:** Necessary to fill out each year in order to receive aid from the university.

**Loan Repayment/Cancellation/Forgiveness/Discharge:** Under certain circumstances, your student loan, or a portion of your loan, may be cancelled, forgiven, or discharged (in other words, you won’t have to repay it). This website has a list of conditions for which this may apply.

**National Health Service Corps:** The National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program provides $50,000 (or the outstanding balance of qualifying student loans if it is less than $50,000), tax free, to Licensed Clinical Social Workers in exchange for two years of service at an approved site in a Health Professional Shortage Area. Upon completion of the service commitment, clinicians may be eligible to apply for additional support for extended service.

**National Institute of Health Loan Forgiveness for Researchers:** This program is for Social Workers and other professionals who are pursuing research careers in the areas of clinical, pediatric, contraception and infertility, or health disparities. Participants must possess a doctoral-level degree, devote 50% or more of their time to research funded by a non-profit organization or government entity (federal, state, or local), and have educational loan debt equal to or exceeding 20% of their institutional base salary.

**Public Service Loan Forgiveness:** A loan forgiveness program for public service employees with Federal Direct Loan Program loans. You may be eligible to have the interest and principal for your non-defaulted loans forgiven if you made 120 monthly payments on the eligible loans after October 1, 2007 and are employed in a public-service job (emergency management, government, military service, public safety, law enforcement, public health, public education, social work in a public child or family service agency, public interest law services, early childhood education, and public services for individuals with disabilities or for the elderly) during the 120-month period.

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Students.gov: Various information on paying for school and career development.

U.S. Department of Education: Information from the Department of Education on available financial aid and grants. (Call Center: 1-800-433-3243)

Scholarship Databases:

FastWeb: Most of the information and aid are for undergraduates, however, there are a few scholarships for which graduates may be eligible.

FinAid – The Smart Student Guide to Financial Aid: Scholarship search engine, information on loans, and other aid information.

Peterson’s: Graduate specific funding.

Scholarship Experts: Scholarship search engine.

Scholarships.com: Most of the scholarships and aid are for undergraduates, however, there are some scholarships for graduate students as well.

Aid for Study Abroad/International Work:

Boren Awards: Boren Fellowships provide up to $30,000 to U.S. graduate students to add an important international and language component to their graduate education through specialization in area study, language study, or increased language proficiency. Boren Fellowships support study and research in areas of the world that are critical to U.S. interests, including Africa, Asia, Central & Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin American, and the Middle East. The countries of Western Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand are excluded. Boren Fellows represent a variety of academic and professional disciplines, but all are interested in studying less commonly taught languages, including but not limited to Arabic, Chinese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian and Swahili.

Service Organizations:

AmeriCorps: Serve for 12 months and receive a stipend in addition to funding to be used towards your loans or other education expenses. (Call 1-800-942-2677)

Peace Corps: Volunteers may apply for deferment of Stafford, Perkins, and Consolidation loans and partial cancellation of Perkins Loans. (Call 1-800-424-8580)

Minority Based Funding:

American Indian College Fund: Scholarships available to American Indian or Alaskan Native students pursuing a graduate degree.

American Indian Graduate Center: A national organization headquartered in Albuquerque, New Mexico providing educational assistance to American Indian and Alaska native graduate students throughout the country.

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Hispanic Scholarship Fund: Scholarships available to Hispanic students pursuing a graduate degree.

NASW Foundation: The Verne LaMarr Lyons Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a masters degree candidate in social work who demonstrates an interest in, or has experience with, health/mental health practice and has a commitment to working in the African American community. Two scholarships up to $2,000 are awarded annually.

Other:

Income-Based Repayment: Information on repayment and loan forgiveness options.

Mapping Your Future: Information on finding financial aid, managing undergraduate loans, and options and conditions of loan repayment, cancellation, forgiveness, or discharge.

North Carolina Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha Scholarship: Providing scholarships to individuals training for work with exceptional children, excluding the academically gifted.

The Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans: Privately funded to provide opportunities for continuing generations of able and accomplished new Americans to achieve leadership in their chosen fields. Eligible applicants include individuals who (1) are resident aliens (i.e., hold a Green Card), or (2) have been naturalized as U.S. citizens, or (3) are children of two parents born outside the United States with at least one parent now a naturalized citizen.

Student Loan Borrower Assistance: National Consumer Law Center’s Student Loan Borrower Assistance Project is a resource for borrowers, their families, and advocates representing student loan borrowers. This site is for people who already have student loans and want to know more about their options and rights.