

## **Students can obtain financial support for their doctoral study in several ways:**

The School of Social Work supports doctoral students for at least four years of study through a variety of sources. This support includes tuition, a Research Assistant stipend of \$18,000 over the nine-month academic year with annual increases, and Graduate Student Health Insurance. Additionally, most of our doctoral students participate in faculty research projects over the summer months, which account for an additional income of approximately \$6,500 - \$13,000 per year.

The research assistantships require that students engage in research during the academic year under the direction of a faculty supervisor for 15 hours/week the first year and for 20 hours/week in subsequent years. The Doctoral Program Chair works carefully to assign students to faculty projects that match their research interests, and will discuss the various research assistantship opportunities with the student before an assignment is made.

In addition to these research opportunities, the School of Social Work offers a variety of academic and professional development resources to students. Our doctoral students receive travel and registration funding which allows them to annually participate in and present research at national conferences, including the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) and/or the Council for Social Work Education (CSWE). Students are also encouraged to participate in locally offered Grant Writing Workshops as well as any number of 'Short Courses' offered through the Odum Institute for Research and Social Science ([www.irss.unc.edu/](http://www.irss.unc.edu/)) at UNC-CH. The School has also provided tuition funding for several students to attend one of the week-long summer Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) advanced methods courses offered at UNC-CH and at the University of Michigan. Additionally, students have access to writing workshops and editing assistance offered by our full-time Academic Editor and Educational Specialist. To supplement these outstanding opportunities, the Doctoral Program offers a series of professional development seminars each year, specifically tailored to the academic and professional needs of the current doctoral students.