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.

**CFK James and Florence Peacock Fellowship:** The Carolina for Kibera Fellowship offers graduate and undergraduate students at UNC-CH the opportunity to apply their skills and talents while engaging in grassroots participatory development in the Kibera slum of Nairobi, Kenya. This year-long fellowship begins in the spring, where students will work with CFK staff in the U.S. and Kenya to formulate projects and to prepare for traveling to Kibera, one of the largest slums in Africa. In the summer, students will spend eight to ten weeks in Kibera to implement their project. Upon their return to the U.S., fellows will become involved on campus at UNC, teaching students about Kibera during the fall semester.

**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.

**C.V. Starr Scholarship:** These awards are intended to support UNC students who demonstrate financial need to undertake an independent internationally-oriented experience. The C.V. Starr International Scholarships were established at UNC in 2004 with an endowed gift from The Starr Foundation. Since 1980, C.V. Starr Scholarships have been established at more than 80 major universities, liberal arts colleges, and graduate and professional schools in the United States and abroad.

**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.

**Matching Funds:** As a catalyst for the innovative work of faculty and students at UNC, the Center for Global Initiatives welcomes proposals seeking support for globally-themed projects that deepen knowledge and understanding of our complex world. PLEASE NOTE: Each faculty/staff member or student is limited to one award each academic year. Available Funding: Awarded amount will rarely exceed $250. And no more than $100 of the awarded amount can be used for food or catering.

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**Pre-Dissertation Travel Award**: These awards help get Ph.D. candidates into the field to do preliminary explorations of potential research materials/sites in preparation for writing a dissertation proposal. These awards will therefore not fund dissertation field research. The ideal time to hold this award is after passing comprehensive exams and before defending the proposal. Eligibility; UNC Ph.D. students preparing to write a dissertation proposal are eligible to apply.

**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.

**Student Learning Circles**: In order to enrich the flow of ideas among students, the Center for Global Initiatives is pleased to fund Student Learning Circles. These circles receive funding for an academic year to support activities such as speaker series, brown bags, workshops, publications, film screenings, and service-learning projects. In addition to promoting the academic work of students, the goal of these Student Learning Circles is also to deepen the work of the Center. The circle’s core members must represent at least 4 different departments or schools. We therefore expect students involved in these circles to become active members of our community.

**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.

**The Vimy Global Team Award**: Inspired by the adventures and pioneering spirit of UNC alumnus Peter McMillan ’81, the Vimy Award is given annually to one interdisciplinary team of students (Vimy Scholars) working collaboratively to pursue research or service projects outside the United States. Made possible by the Global Education Fund, up to $15,000 is provided to fund a summer team project abroad. Actual award amounts vary depending on the scope of the project and clarity of the proposed budget. This award is intended to support UNC Undergraduate and Master’s-level students in completing self-directed or designed group projects internationally during the summer. The award provides funding for travel as well as supplies needed to implement the project.

**Social Work Organizations**: 

**American Board of Examiners in Clinical Social Work Awards**: The American Board of Examiners in Clinical Social Work offers the Judith Holm Memorial Student Awards Program grant for master’s level students. Students must present papers “demonstrating mastery of the essentials of clinical Social Work and readiness to enter professional practice.” The award is $2,000 in cash.
Council on Social Work Education: CSWE provides a number of funding opportunities for students and faculty members.

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

NASW Scholarships: Information on scholarships available through NASW.

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

Social Work Scholarships: Here are just some of the many websites and programs dedicated to helping you pay for your Social Work Master’s degree. This site includes a variety of scholarships for minorities, military service members, women, fraternity and sorority members, and more.

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:

Air Force Health Professions Scholarship: The Air Force Health Professions Scholarship is an opportunity for social workers serve your country and attend school debt free. Air Force social workers make a difference in the quality of life of the Air Force community. As an Air Force social worker, you will work with individuals, families and groups of people of all ages. You’ll use your skills in mental health, medical, correctional, family advocacy, community-based, and Exceptional Family Member Programs. While on Active Duty with the Air Force, medical professionals (including social workers) may practice in a small, medium, or large clinical setting. Scholarship recipients will receive 100% of tuition paid by the Air Force (including all required fees, textbooks, supplies and small equipment) as well as $2,157.30 per month.

To find out if you qualify, call: North / South Carolina recruiting office: 4030 Wake Forest Road Suite 108, Raleigh, NC 27609, 919-850-9475, or email ffl318@us.af.mil.


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.

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**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.

**Students.gov:** Includes 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, that are some scholarships for graduate students as well.

**Aid for Study Abroad/International Work:**

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**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.

**Fulbright U.S. Student Program:** The Fulbright U.S. Student Program is designed to give recent B.S./B.A. graduates, master’s and doctoral candidates, and young professionals and artists opportunities for personal development and international experience. Grants (in duration of 9-12 months) are available in 140 countries worldwide.

**Hispanic Scholarship Fund Graduate Scholarships:** Founded in 1975, the Hispanic Scholarship Fund provides scholarships to Latino students, as well as related support services. HSF seeks to give students all the tools they need to apply to college, do well in their course work, graduate, enter a profession, excel, help lead our nation going forward, and mentor the generations to come. As the nation's largest not-for-profit organization supporting Hispanic American higher education, HSF has awarded over $400 million in scholarships and provides a range of ancillary programs for candidates, scholars, and their families. HSF further strives to make college education a top priority for every Latino family across the nation and to mobilize our community to proactively advance that goal – each individual, over a lifetime, in every way he/she can. For more information about the Hispanic Scholarship Fund please continue to browse our website.

**International Internship Award:** These awards are intended to support UNC Undergraduate and Masters-level students (J.D., M.D., and D.D.S. students may apply) who have secured internationally-focused internships that will advance their academic and professional careers. Upon completing the internship and returning to UNC, students should build the internship experience into their academic program. Ideally, upon graduation, students will land jobs with the same or a similar organization.

**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.

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**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.

**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:**

**American Association of University Women (AAUW) Educational Funding and Awards**: One of the world’s largest sources of funding for graduate women, AAUW is providing more than $3.7 million in funding for more than 245 fellowships and grants to outstanding women and nonprofit organizations in the 2013–14 academic year. Due to the longstanding, generous contributions of AAUW members, a broader community of women continues to gain access to educational and economic opportunities — breaking through barriers so that all women have a fair chance. Fellowship and grant recipients perform research in a wide range of disciplines and work to improve their schools and communities. Their intellect, dedication, imagination, and effort promise to forge new paths in scholarship, improve the quality of life for all, and tackle the educational and social barriers facing women worldwide.

**American Cancer Society**: This organization has a very generous grant for second-year Social Work master’s degree students and Doctoral students who will work in the field of oncology. The student will train to provide psychosocial services to individuals with cancer and services to their families.

**Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund**: The Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund provides grants to students actively working for peace and justice. These need-based scholarships are awarded to those able to do academic work at the university level and who are a part of the progressive movement on the campus and in the community. Early recipients worked for civil rights, against McCarthyism, and for peace in Vietnam. Recent grantees have been active in the struggle against racism, sexism, homophobia, and other forms of oppression; building the movement for economic justice; and creating peace through international anti-imperialist solidarity.

**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.

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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.

The Point Foundation: The National LGBTQ Scholarship Fund: Point Foundation empowers promising LGBTQ students to achieve their full academic and leadership potential – despite the obstacles often put before them – to make a significant impact on society.

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.