Our students receive guaranteed support for the first two years of study. This support includes in-state tuition costs and tuition remission (applies to those students who do not qualify as North Carolina residents), a nine-month academic year stipend and health insurance.

As part of the first two years of guaranteed funding in the program, students are automatically matched to a faculty member to work on a research project as a research assistant and receive a minimum nine-month stipend of $16,000. After the first two years, the doctoral program chair works with students to obtain research assistantships with faculty, both within and outside of the School of Social Work. Tuition and stipend support is included in these RA appointments as well. Many students continue research assistantships with the faculty members that they worked with during their first two years in the program. While subsequent years of support are not guaranteed in the same manner as the first two years of study, in recent years, students in good academic standing who have sought such opportunities have been supported. Health insurance is provided as part of every research assistantship and at all levels of study.

The doctoral chair works very closely with students to ensure continuous funding. Students also work as either full-time or part-time research assistants during the summer months to earn additional income. Several students have supplemented funding through contract teaching. In addition to School of Social Work funding, many of our students have been very successful in applying for and receiving pre-doctoral and dissertation fellowships from the UNC Graduate School, federal research agencies and foundations.

Please see the [financial support section](#) of the School’s doctoral program manual for more detailed information.