Quick Guide to Student Funding

Students fund their education in Health Behavior through a combination of sources, including loans; scholarships and awards; research, teaching, and graduate assistantships; and outside funding. This guide provides information about tuition-related attendance costs and departmental funding opportunities.

For information about other UNC-Chapel Hill funding sources, consult:

♦ The Graduate School (http://gradschool.unc.edu/funding/)
♦ Gillings School of Global Public Health (http://sph.unc.edu/student_pages/gillings-costs-and-funding/)

Tuition-related costs for Health Behaviors students

Tuition at the non-resident (out-of-state) and resident (in-state) rates for the Gillings School of Global Public Health (see http://finance.unc.edu/saur/student-account-services/tuition-and-fees/)

♦ MPH students pay the Graduate – MPH rate for the fall and spring semesters and for two credits in Summer Session 1 between years 1 and 2.
♦ Doctoral students (MSPH-to-PhD and PhD tracks) pay the Graduate – Other Degree rate for the fall and spring semesters and, as applicable, for the summer sessions. MSPH-to-PhD students are required to sign up for two credits in Summer Session 1 between years 1 and 2. (See the Health Behavior Doctoral Program Guidelines for summer enrollment information).

UNC fees (see http://finance.unc.edu/saur/student-account-services/tuition-and-fees/)

♦ UNC fees cover Board of Governor-approved Services such as Campus Health Services, Student Legal Services, and Safety and Security (see http://finance.unc.edu/files/2014/07/fee_descriptions_14_15.pdf)
♦ Students not enrolled in one or both of the summer sessions but pre-registered for the fall semester who wish to receive care during the summer at Campus Health Services must pay the summer Campus Health Fee; the 2015 fee is $69 per summer session.

Health Behavior fees (separate from UNC fees)

♦ MPH students pay a one-time Field Fee of $600 that helps support the field work (Practicum and Capstone) students complete during training. For administrative purposes, this fee is tagged onto HBEH 746 (Capstone I) and collected in the fall semester of year 2.
♦ PhD and MSPH-to-PhD students pay a one-time Orientation and Graduation Fee of $250 in the fall semester of year 1, which helps support the cost of professional development activities, events, and resources over the course of training.
Health insurance (see [http://campushealth.unc.edu/charges-insurance/mandatory-student-health-insurance](http://campushealth.unc.edu/charges-insurance/mandatory-student-health-insurance))

Health insurance is mandatory; students are required to enroll in the University’s Student Health Insurance Plan or provide a completed, verified, and approved waiver showing other insurance coverage for each semester they do not enroll in the student plan.

What funding does Health Behavior have for students?

*Who’s eligible and how are awards allocated?*

**Tuition Remission (TR)** awards pay the difference between non-resident and resident tuition at the Academic Affairs rate (see [http://finance.unc.edu/saur/student-account-services/ tuition-and-fees/](http://finance.unc.edu/saur/student-account-services/ tuition-and-fees/)) for out-of-state students. The Department receives a variable number of TRs from the Graduate School each year and allocates TRs to selected first year, out-of-state HB students. Tuition remissions:

- **Must** be paired with a research assistantship (RA) or teaching assistantship (TA) that pays the minimum service stipend (paid monthly) set annually by the Graduate School, in-state tuition (at the Academic Affairs rate), and health insurance.
- **May** be divided between two RA/TA sources with pro-rated payments of the stipend, in-state tuition, and health insurance (a half-time TR pays half the stipend, half of in-state tuition, and full health insurance; if paired with a half-time RA, health insurance is prorated).
- Half-time TRs are available only to MPH students, not doctoral students.
- Are **not** available for summer sessions.
- Are allocated to out-of-state recipients of HB MPH and doctoral recruitment scholarships; selected out-of-state, first year doctoral students with a qualifying RA; and selected out-of-state, first and second year MPH students with a qualifying RA/TA in the spring semester.

*MPH students with a qualifying RA must apply for a TR in late fall via a departmental process.*

**Teaching Assistants (TAs)** are service awards that accompany an appointment as a teaching assistant for a departmental course. Teaching assistantships:

- **Require** 16 hours/week of service for MPH students and 18 hours/week of service for doctoral students per semester (17 weeks).
- **Pay** a monthly stipend at the Graduate School minimum stipend rate, in-state tuition (at the Academic Affairs rate), and health insurance (students fees are not included).

*Half-time TA awards require half the service requirement and pay half the stipend, half of in-state tuition, and full health insurance.*

- Offered for fall, spring, and summer departmental courses (summer, as applicable).
- Doctoral students (excluding first year MSPH-to-PhD students and, with some exceptions, first semester PhD students) and second year MPH students are eligible depending on specific course criteria.
- Eligible students may apply for fall, spring, and summer TAs via a departmental process.
- Selections are made by the Department in consultation with course instructors.

**Research Assistants (RAs)** are service awards for appointment as a research assistant on a faculty or departmental project. Research assistantships:

- **Require** 16 hours/week service for MPH students and 18 hours/week service for doctoral students per semester (17 weeks).
- **Pay** a monthly stipend at the Graduate School minimum stipend rate, in-state tuition (at the Academic Affairs rate), and health insurance (student fees are not included).

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- Doctoral and MPH students are eligible depending on specific project requirements.
- Selection is made by the faculty member offering the RA.

**Graduate Assistantships (GAs)** are hourly paid assistantships on a faculty or departmental project with variable requirements for number of hours and hourly wage. GAs:

- Are not eligible for tuition remission or in-state tuition.
- Do not usually include student health insurance.
- Are open to doctoral and MPH students depending on specific project requirements.
- Selection is made by the faculty member offering the GA or faculty/staff supervising the position.

**School-Based Tuition (SBT) Awards** are tuition awards that come from tuition receipts to the School with awards ranging from $5,000 to $10,000 that are allocated to MPH students.

- First and second-year MPH students are eligible.
- Approximately 60% of the Department’s SBT allocation goes to incoming MPH students and 40% to continuing students.
- First-year students are selected by the Department to enhance the diversity of the incoming class.
- Second-year students are selected by the Department based on need as reported on the FAFSA; therefore, continuing students must complete the FAFSA to be eligible.
- No service (work) requirement.

**Health Behavior Recruitment Scholarships** are used as recruitment awards, as funds are available, such as the Dorothy Dunn (doctoral only), Hatch-Barnhill (MPH only), Hochbaum Award (doctoral only), Gillings Merit, and Alumni Annual Fund.

- Scholarships vary in what they pay, from full tuition, stipend, and health insurance for the first one or two semesters to monetary awards that may be applied to tuition and other expenses.
- Scholarships vary in whether they have a service requirement (i.e., 16 hours/week for MPH students or 18 hours/week for doctoral students on a faculty or departmental project).
- All incoming admitted students are eligible depending on specific award criteria.
- Applicants do not apply for scholarships; award recipients are selected by the Department based on materials in the application for admission.

**Health Behavior Recognition Awards** are monetary awards, allotted as funds are available, in recognition of student achievement in a variety of areas, such as the Kathy Kerr Memorial Scholarship (2nd year MPH), Lucy S. Morgan Award (1st year MPH), Harriett Hylton Barr Memorial Award, Ethel Jean Jackson Practice Award, and Lansky Family Endowed Scholarship.

- Awards vary in the amounts paid.
- For the Kathy Kerr Memorial Award and the Lucy S. Morgan Award, students are nominated and voted on by students, faculty, and community preceptors via a departmental process.
- For other awards, selection is made by the Department according to fund stipulations.

**Health Behavior Travel Awards** are awarded each semester to help support travel for students presenting a paper or a poster at either a public health or specialty conference.

- All Health Behavior students are eligible.
- Students apply for awards in fall and spring via a departmental process.
- The Department makes the selection.