

## Quick Guide to Student Funding, 2021-2022

Students in the Health Behavior, Global Health, and Health Equity, Social Justice and Human Rights MPH concentrations, as well as those in the Health Behavior Doctoral Program, fund their education through a combination of sources, including: fellowships and awards; research, teaching, and graduate assistantships; loans; and outside funding. This guide provides information about tuition-related attendance costs and relevant funding opportunities.

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

- ◆ The Graduate School (<https://gradschool.unc.edu/funding/>)
- ◆ Gillings School of Global Public Health (<https://sph.unc.edu/students/tuition-and-fees/>)

### Tuition-related costs

**Tuition** at the non-resident (out-of-state) and resident (in-state) rates for the Gillings School of Global Public Health (see <https://cashier.unc.edu/tuition-fees/>). Please note that these rates are subject to change.

- ◆ MPH students pay the *GRADUATES – MPH* rate for the fall and spring semesters and, as applicable, for the summer sessions.
- ◆ Doctoral students (MSPH-to-PhD and PhD tracks) pay the *GRADUATES – Other Degree* rate for the fall and spring semesters and, as applicable, for the summer sessions. (See the *Health Behavior Doctoral Program Handbook* for summer enrollment information).

Tuition, Student Fees & Health Insurance (2021-2022)		
MPH		
	Resident	Non-resident
Tuition (fall or spring) <sup>a</sup>	\$9,209.00/sem	\$17,976.50/sem
UNC Fees (fall and spring)	\$1,008.32/sem	\$ 1,008.32/sem
Field Fee (fall year 2) <sup>b</sup>	\$ 600.00/one time	\$ 600.00/one time
Health Insurance	\$1,308.40/sem	\$ 1,308.40/sem
Tuition (summer) <sup>c</sup>	\$ 285.00/credit	\$ 886.00/credit
UNC Fees (summer)	\$ 66.00/credit	\$ 66.00/credit
PhD and MSPH-to-PhD		
	Resident	Non-resident
Tuition (fall or spring) <sup>a</sup>	\$5,709.00/sem	\$14,476.50/sem
UNC Fees (fall and spring)	\$1,008.32/sem	\$ 1,008.32/sem
HB Fees (fall year 1)	\$ 250.00/one time	\$ 250.00/one time
Health Insurance	\$1,308.40/sem	\$ 1,308.40/sem
Tuition (summer) <sup>b</sup>	\$ 285.00/credit	\$ 886.00/credit
UNC Fees (summer)	\$ 66.00/credit	\$ 66.00/credit

<sup>a</sup>Full credit load; <sup>b</sup>Field fee is only for Health Behavior and Health Equity MPH

**UNC fees** (see <https://cashier.unc.edu/tuition-fees/student-fees/>)

- ◆ UNC fees cover Board of Governor-approved Services such as Campus Health Services, Student Legal Services, and Safety and Security Services.
- ◆ 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 2021 fee is \$50.00 per summer session.

### Additional fees

- ◆ **Field Fees for Health Behavior MPH Concentration Students** (separate from UNC fees): MPH students in the Health Behavior and EQUITY concentrations pay a one-time required 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), a required course for EQUITY and HB MPH students and collected in the fall semester of year 2.

- ◆ **Orientation and Graduation Fee for PhD and MSPH-to-PhD Students** (separate from UNC fees): PhD and MSPH-to-PhD students pay a one-time required Orientation and Graduation Fee of \$250 in the fall semester of year 1. The fee helps support the cost of professional development activities, events, and resources over the course of their training.

### Health insurance (see: <https://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 (hard waiver) showing other insurance coverage for *each* semester they do not enroll in the student plan.
- ◆ Students enrolled under Student Blue, standard student plan, are billed for half a year at a time. Fall payment covers the premium from August 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>. Spring payment covers the premium from January 1<sup>st</sup> through July 31<sup>st</sup>. The insurance rate for the 2021-2022 academic year is \$1,308.40/semester.
- ◆ Students on the RA/TA plan (GSHIP) will have their premium paid monthly by the sponsoring funding source. Coverage is only available during the period for which the student is employed. Graduating students will have insurance terminated on the last day of the month they graduate in (December or May), but qualify for short-term enrollment in an alternative plan through BCBS or the health insurance marketplace. Students who graduate in August terminate May 31 or July 31 at the discretion of the academic department.
- ◆ The minimum annual compensation level to qualify for GSHIP coverage is \$5,700 for MPH students and \$7,850 for doctoral students. If students will not meet this minimum during the academic year, they are not eligible for GSHIP. This policy primarily affects students hired on a half time or other part-time basis if not working for the full year.
- ◆ Students on the RA/TA plan must submit a hard waiver to verify enrollment in the GSHIP plan at <http://studentbluenc.com/#/uncch> or they will be charged \$1,308.40 per semester (i.e. the Student Blue premium) on their University account.

### What funding does the Department of Health Behavior have for Health Behavior MPH concentration, MSPH-to-PhD, and PhD students?

**Tuition Remission (TR)** awards pay the difference between non-resident and resident tuition (see <https://cashier.unc.edu/tuition-fees/>) for out-of-state students. The Department receives a variable and limited number of TRs from the Graduate School each year for allocating to qualifying 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<sup>1</sup>), 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 two sources are paired, health insurance is prorated).
- ◆ Half-time TRs are available only to MPH students, not MSPH-to-PhD or PhD students.
- ◆ Are not available for summer sessions.

<sup>1</sup> The Academic Affairs tuition rate is currently \$5,276 per semester for those enrolled full-time. Note that because the requirement is only for in-state tuition at the Academic Affairs rate, students may be responsible for the additional in-state SPH tuition (currently \$3,933 for MPH students and \$433 for MSPH-to-PhD and PhD students per semester).



- ◆ Are allocated to out-of-state recipients of MPH, MSPH-to-PhD and PhD recruitment scholarships; international students with a qualifying RA/TA; select out-of-state, first year doctoral students with a qualifying RA/TA; and select out-of-state, first and second year MPH students with a qualifying RA/TA.

**Teaching Assistantships (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 MSPH-to-PhD and PhD students per semester (17 weeks).
- ◆ Pay a monthly stipend at the Graduate School minimum stipend rate, in-state tuition (at the Academic Affairs rate), health insurance, and mandatory UNC student fees (Field fees are **not** included).

*Half-time TA awards require half the service requirement and pay half the stipend, half of in-state tuition, half of mandatory student fees, full health insurance (subject to meeting the insurance eligibility requirement of a minimum of \$5,700 compensation for the year). Doctoral students are ineligible to receive half of in-state tuition or half of mandatory student fees unless they have another half-time TA or RA appointment, which combined equals the minimum \$7,850 compensation.*

- ◆ Are offered for fall and spring semesters for courses taught by HB faculty. For courses taught by HB faculty, students apply for fall and spring TAs via a departmental process, and selections are made by the Department in consultation with course instructors.
- ◆ Usually service as a TA requires the student to have taken the course, or a similar one, previously. As a result, doctoral students (excluding first year MSPH-to-PhD students and some first semester PhD students) and second year MPH students are most likely to be eligible, though there may be opportunities for first year MPH or MSPH-to-PhD students as well. Applicants should consult specific course criteria for eligibility descriptions.
- ◆ May qualify an out-of-state student for Tuition Remission pending funding availability.

**Research Assistantships (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 MSPH-to-PhD and PhD students per semester (17 weeks).
- ◆ Pay a monthly stipend at the Graduate School minimum stipend rate, in-state tuition (at the Academic Affairs rate), health insurance, and mandatory UNC student fees (Field fees are not included).

AY 2021-2022 Minimum Stipend	
MPH	Doctoral
\$5,700/semester	\$7,850/semester

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- ◆ MPH, MSPH-to-PhD, and PhD students are eligible depending on specific project requirements.
- ◆ Selection is made by the faculty member offering the RA.
- ◆ May qualify an out-of-state student for Tuition Remission pending funding availability.
- ◆ To look for RA opportunities, we recommend:
  - Checking out the Gillings School's Job Postings page: <https://sph.unc.edu/students/job-postings/>;



- Reviewing the HB Weekly Announcements sent out on Fridays that will list job postings shared by members of the HB community; and
- Joining the hbhejobs listserv by going to [https://lists.unc.edu/read/all\\_forums/subscribe?name=hbhejobs](https://lists.unc.edu/read/all_forums/subscribe?name=hbhejobs); and
- Connecting with your Faculty Mentor to see if they have any leads.

**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, in-state tuition, or fees.
- ◆ Do not usually include student health insurance.
- ◆ Are open to MPH, MSPH-to-PhD and PhD students depending on specific project requirements.
- ◆ Selection is made by the faculty member offering the GA or faculty/staff supervising the position.
- ◆ To look for RA opportunities, we recommend:
  - Checking out the Gillings School's Job Postings page: <https://sph.unc.edu/students/job-postings/>;
  - Reviewing the HB Weekly Announcements sent out on Fridays that will list job postings shared by members of the HB community; and
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**Recruitment Awards** are used to cover program costs. In addition to SBT awards, other sources of funding include fellowships and awards funded by the Graduate School, Gillings School of Global Public Health (SPH), and the department as funds are available, such as the Dorothy Dunn, Hochbaum, Gillings Merit, and Alumni Annual Fund awards.

- ◆ Recruitment awards 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.
- ◆ Recruitment awards typically have a service requirement (i.e., 16 hours/week for MPH students or 18 hours/week for MSPH-to-PhD and PhD students on a faculty or departmental project).
- ◆ All incoming admitted students are eligible depending on specific award criteria. Selection or nomination of students for these awards is made by the concentration's awards committee.
- ◆ Applicants do not apply for recruitment awards; recipients are selected by the Concentration, Department, SPH, or Graduate School based on materials in the student's application for admission.

**Health Behavior Recognition Awards** are monetary awards, allotted as funds are available to Health Behavior MPH and MSPH-PhD and PhD students in recognition of student accomplishments, such as the Kathy Kerr Memorial Scholarship (2<sup>nd</sup> year MPH), Lucy S. Morgan Award (1<sup>st</sup> year MPH), Harriett Hylton Barr Memorial 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 Health Behavior MPH, MSPH-PhD and PhD students presenting a paper or a poster at either a public health or specialty conference.

- ◆ All Health Behavior MPH concentration, MSPH-PhD, and PhD students are eligible. MPH students in other concentrations are not eligible for these health behavior awards.
- ◆ Health Behavior concentration and degree students apply for awards in fall and spring via a departmental process.
- ◆ The Department makes the selection.

**School-Based Tuition (SBT) Awards** are tuition awards beginning at variable amounts that are allocated to support the recruitment and retention of Health Behavior MPH concentration students, which come from tuition receipts to the School.

- ◆ In order to enhance recruitment and to increase diversity of the incoming class, a portion of each concentration's SBT allocation is used to recruit admitted applicants selected by each concentration's Admissions Committee.
- ◆ Both incoming and continuing MPH students are eligible to apply for Research Assistantships funded through a portion of the remaining SBT allocation. The solicitation for this process occurs midway through the Fall semester for the upcoming Spring semester.
- ◆ The final portion of SBT funds is used to provide summer need-based practica support for first year MPH students. Students must apply for this support in the spring semester.

