

THE GRADUATE SOURCE

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UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES. . .

Graduate School Philanthropic Awards

Application Deadline **March 3, 2014**

Joanna R. Baker Memorial Graduate Fellowship

Provides \$2,000 for one academic year to a new or continuing master's or doctoral student who applies creative and rigorous math, computer science, or IT-based solutions to challenging public and social policy problems.

Wayland H. Cato Jr. First-Year Doctoral Fellowship

Provides \$18,000, full tuition support, all required fees, and health insurance to a first-year doctoral student who shows potential to make a significant contribution to society and is a first generation graduate student with financial need.

Herschel & Cornelia Everett Foundation First-Year

Graduate Fellowship Provides first-year stipends of \$15,000 for doctoral studies and \$10,000 for master's studies. Award includes full tuition and health insurance (up to 5 years for doctoral students and two years for master's students) and a departmental assistantship (after year 1).

Faye Jacques Memorial Graduate Fellowship

Provides \$1,000 for one academic year to continuing, first generation master's or doctoral student with financial need and potential to make significant contributions to their field of study.

John Paul Lucas, Jr. Scholarship for Educational

Leadership Provides \$1,000 to teachers pursuing graduate studies in English and related College of Education programs. Applications are sent to eligible students by the selection committee.

Zonta Club of Charlotte Fellowship

Provides full tuition for one academic year to a North Carolina resident, preference for a non-traditional female student, with demonstrated financial need.

<http://graduateschool.uncc.edu/funding-resources/philanthropic-awards>

GAANN Fellowship Program

The GAANN Fellowship Program at UNC Charlotte supports doctoral students pursuing a PhD in Computing and Information Systems or Bioinformatics and Computational Biology. Contact Dr. Anita Raja at anraja@uncc.edu for more information.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOW SPOTLIGHT. . .



Rachael Chung, '12, '13, is the second recipient of the prestigious **National Science Foundation Research Fellowship** in the Department of Bioinformatics and Genomics at UNC Charlotte. Rachael is also the recipient of one of the first **STARS Scholarships**. Rachel received her BS in Computer Science and her MS in Bioinformatics from UNC Charlotte. Rachael begins her PhD studies in Computer Science at NC State University. Her research will focus on data mining and information retrieval.

OTHER STUDENTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT. . .

Emmanuel Bello-Ogunu, '12, a doctoral student in the Computing and Information Systems program, is the recipient of the 2013-14 **Google United Negro College Fund (UNCF) Scholarship**. Additionally, Emmanuel has been selected for the **Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAANN) Fellowship** by the College of Computing and Informatics doctoral program at UNC Charlotte. He is currently serving as a Graduate Life Fellow in the Graduate School's Center for Graduate Life. Emmanuel earned his BS in Computer Science from the University of Notre Dame and his MS degree in Information Technology from UNC Charlotte, with funding from the NSF CyberCorp Scholarship.



Julie Thompson, '05, '11, a doctoral student in the Special Education Program, is the recipient of the **National Institute for Direct Instruction (NIFD) Research Fellowship Grant**. Her current research focuses on teaching students with ASD, Direct Instruction, and applied behavior analysis. She is a National Board Certified teacher in severe and multiple disabilities and a Board Certified Behavioral Analyst. Julie received her BA in Special Education and MEd in Special Education from UNC Charlotte.



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MORE STUDENT SPOTLIGHT. . .



Jennifer Aldred, a doctoral student in the Infrastructure and Environmental Systems program, is the recipient of a **Geological Society of America Graduate Research Grant**, the **Geography and Earth Science Geology Scholars Award**, the **Geography and Earth Science Most Outstanding INES PhD Student Award**, and was recently nominated for the 2014-15 **PEO Scholar Award**. Jennifer's dissertation research is on the post last glacial maximum landscape evolution of the Conejos River basin in the SE San Juan Mountains, CO, USA. Jennifer earned her BS in Geology from Muskingum College and her MS in Geology from Ohio University.

Melissa Curry, a doctoral student in the Geography and Urban Regional Analysis program, was recently nominated for the 2014-15 **PEO Scholar Award**. Melissa is a licensed landscape architect and experienced land planner. Melissa's research includes neighborhood planning and how regions can transform themselves into a more sustainable model in which they are empowered to reverse decline and embrace the future. Melissa earned her BS in Landscape Architecture and her Master of Landscape Architecture from Cornell University.



Tara Benge, '04. '11, a doctoral student in the Geography and Urban Regional Analysis program, was recently nominated for the 2014-15 **PEO Scholar Award**. Tara has worked with the Charlotte Action Research Project (CHARP) at UNC Charlotte since 2009. Her doctoral research explores a model of empowerment planning that she applies in the West Charlotte neighborhood of Reid Park. Tara is the 2013 recipient of the **BRIDGES Fellowship** and is principal investigator on several grants that fund her case study research. Tara received her BA in Art and MA in Geography from UNC Charlotte.



RESIDENCY DETERMINATION OFFICE . . .

Each semester the Residency Determination Office (RDO) accepts applications for North Carolina Residency for tuition purposes. Non-resident students who apply and are approved save over \$12,000 in tuition costs per year! Applications are reviewed as they are received and are typically due by the fifth day of the semester by 5:00 pm. The RDO also makes determinations about the military tuition benefit. You may visit the RDO in 114 Denny Hall, call them at 704-687-2505, or review their website at <http://resdetermination.uncc.edu>.

MORE OPPORTUNITIES . . .

Smithsonian Institution James E. Webb Internship Program.

Provides ten week, paid internships and visiting student awards for underrepresented graduate students in Business and Public Administration. The spring 2014 application deadline is **February 1 for summer and fall**.

<http://www.smithsonianofi.com/internship-opportunities/james-e-webb-internship-for-minority-undergraduate-juniors-seniors-and-graduate-students-in-business-and-public-administration/>

Hertz Foundation Graduate Fellowships. Provides merit-based fellowships for the cost of education and a personal stipend for students in various areas of math, science, and engineering.

Application materials deadline. <http://www.hertzfoundation.org/dx/fellowships/fellowshipaward.aspx>

NBCC Foundation Rural Scholarship Program. Provides funding to students living in rural areas interested in pursuing careers in professional counseling. **Application deadlines are typically announced at the end of summer.** <http://www.nbccf.org/rural>

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). Provides funding for projects related to research, education, preservation, and public programming in the humanities. **Deadlines vary by program of interest.** <http://www.neh.gov/grants/grants.html>

MS in Real Estate Program Full-Tuition Scholarships Six full-tuition scholarships for the 2014-15 academic year. Application deadline is **March 1 for Fall admission.** <http://MSRealEstate.uncc.edu>

National Research Council of the National Academies Research Associateship Programs. Graduate, Post-Doctoral, Senior Research Associateship Awards. Deadlines: **February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1.** www.nationalacademies.org/rap

Want to know about more opportunities?

FastWEB— www.fastweb.com

Institute for Broadening Participation— www.pathwaystoscience.org

International Education Financial Aid— www.iefaf.org

GrantsNet— <http://sciencecareers.sciencemag.org/funding>

GRAPES— www.gdnet.ucla.edu/grpinst.htm

Interest-Free University Payment Plan . . .

For information regarding a tuition and fees payment plan, visit: <http://finance.uncc.edu/controllers-office/student-accounts/payment-plan-options>