



Graduate Student Funding Opportunities

Note- this is **not an exhaustive list of graduate student funding opportunities. If the graduate scholarship coordinator becomes aware of opportunities, students will be notified electronically or via the College of Nursing website. Graduate students interested in seeking any funding opportunities are strongly encouraged to also file the following two documents each year, also required by many loans, scholarships and fellowships:

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General Resources

- Tuition Webpage: <http://fbs.admin.utah.edu/income/tuition/>
- Graduate Student Funding Application (College of Nursing): <http://nursing.utah.edu/students/scholarship/graduate/>
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA): www.fafsa.gov

University of Utah Graduate School Scholarships

The University of Utah Graduate School lists various University-sponsored fellowships and scholarships on their website, as well as a direct link to the University Financial Aid Office. Check often for updates; applications for most awards are generally due early spring semester. <http://gradschool.utah.edu/tbp/graduate-fellowship-opportunities/>

The **Graduate Research Fellowship** offers \$18,000 plus tuition to full-time graduate students who are conducting research or creative projects and are pursuing a terminal degree. Applicants must be doctoral candidates prior to the beginning of the academic year of the award – non-renewable. Applicants are selected and submitted by the CoN using an internal review process. 12-15 awards given annually – applications due in January each year.

College of Nursing Donor-Named Fellows Program

The College of Nursing awards donor-named fellowships for graduate students on an annual basis – awards are disbursed for the fall/spring semesters only. Fellows may also qualify for the Graduate Tuition Benefit Program. Applications are due in February 2018.

College of Nursing Graduate Student Scholarships

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Teaching Assistant Opportunities

The College of Nursing offers Teaching Assistant (TA) positions; the number of available positions varies each year. Average appointment lasts 1-2 semesters. Students may also qualify for the Graduate Tuition Benefit Program. Graduate students interested in applying for a TA position should check the College of Nursing website for application deadlines – typically available each spring semester.

Research Assistant Opportunities

College of Nursing grant-funded faculty occasionally offer Research Assistant (RA) positions; the number of available positions varies depending on current grant funding and faculty needs. Students interested in seeking a RA position should talk with CoN faculty and/or contact Diane Ballard at diane.ballard@nurs.utah.edu to determine current availability. Students may also qualify for the Graduate Tuition Benefit Program.

Graduate Tuition Benefit Program

Students receiving a graduate fellowship or scholarship and/or serving as a Research Assistant (RA), Teaching Assistant (TA), or Graduate Assistant (GA) may also qualify for the Graduate Tuition Benefit Program (TBP). This generous program available through the University of Utah Graduate School qualifies students for in-state tuition rates and offers a 50%, 75%, or 100% in-state tuition reduction (excluding the College of Nursing differential fee or any other special course fees). RA/TAs may also qualify for subsidized health insurance. Eligible students must adhere to registration, financial support and service guidelines. A complete list of eligibility requirements and additional information can be found at <http://www.gradschool.utah.edu/tbp/index.php>.

College of Nursing Faculty Fellowship Program

This fellowship program is available to current University of Utah College of Nursing faculty enrolled in a doctoral program at the CoN. Benefits and fellowship availability are based on the current economy and donor funding. Faculty interested in this program should contact his or her division chair for more information. Faculty may also the CoN Academic Programs office for information.

Western Regional Graduate Program (WRGP) allows eligible students whose state of residence is not Utah to enroll in graduate programs at resident tuition rates. Residents of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming are eligible. Students do not need to demonstrate financial need. Please note that should a student qualify for both the WRGP and the Graduate Tuition Benefit Program, the student should discuss which program will be most beneficial with the coordinator of graduate scholarships, as both programs cannot be used at the same time.

Nurse Faculty Loan Program (NFLP)

<https://bhw.hrsa.gov/fundingopportunities/?id=bd03570b-3eb6-4a77-a1e3-4326ce292907>

The Nurse Faculty Loan Program was created to recruit students enrolled in advanced nursing

education programs to teaching positions at nursing schools across the country. Funded by a grant through the Department of Health and Human Services, the NFLP provides loan debt reduction benefits of up to 85% in exchange for fulfilling a four year service requirement as an instructor in a school of nursing.

Additional Federally-Funded Opportunities

Federal Student Loans this is the place for all Federal student loans – a great place to get started!

AHRQ Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. The overall goal of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality grants for Health Services Research Dissertation Program is to help ensure that a diverse pool of highly trained health services researchers is available in adequate numbers and appropriate research areas to address the research mission and priorities of AHRQ.

Graduate Partnership Program in Behavioral Research (GPP) **<https://www.training.nih.gov/programs/gpp/IndividualPartnership>**

This program links the NIH and the University of Utah College of Nursing. Selected students work and study at the NIH.

Nursing Scholarship Program The Nursing Scholarship Program is a selective program of the U.S. Government that helps alleviate the critical shortage of registered nurses currently experienced by certain types of health care facilities by helping needy students complete their registered nurse training. In exchange for the scholarship, upon graduation, the newly minted nurses work at these types of facilities for at least 2 years.

Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program is a selective program of the U.S. Government that helps alleviate the critical shortage of nurses by offering loan repayment assistance to RNs and APRNs in return for working in a Critical Shortage Facility, and nurse faculty in return for working full time at an accredited school of nursing.

NURSE Corps Loan Repayment Program **<https://bhw.hrsa.gov/loansscholarships/nursecorps/lrp>**

This student loan forgiveness program supports RNs, APRNs, and nurse faculty by paying up to 85% of their unpaid nursing education debt.

Post-graduation-NIH Loan Repayment Programs NIH wants to encourage outstanding health professionals to pursue careers in biomedical, behavioral, social, and clinical research. If you commit at least two years to conducting qualified research funded by a domestic nonprofit organization or U.S. federal, state, or local government entity, NIH may repay up to \$35,000 of your qualified student loan debt per year, including most undergraduate, graduate, and medical school loans. Loan repayment benefits are in addition to the institutional salary you receive for your research.

Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) ensures an adequate number of highly trained scientists will be available in appropriate research areas to carry out the nation's biomedical and biobehavioral research agenda. The Individual Predoctoral Fellowship will

provide approximately \$22,000/year for stipend support, up to \$21,000 in tuition/fees per year, and additional funds (up to \$4,200) for training-related expenses and institutional allowances.

[Department of Veterans Affairs \(VA\)](#) offers nursing predoctoral fellowships to assist in the education and research development of doctoral-level nurses for the VA and the nation. 2-year full-time (40 hours/week) or 3-year part-time (20 hours/week) programs available. Research interest must be relevant to the care of veterans. Current funding amount is approximately \$31,000/year for the full-time program. Stipend is pro-rated at the same hourly rate as the full-time program. Applications accepted year-round.

Additional Resources for Graduate and Post-Graduate Nursing Students **Private Scholarships & Grants**

[American Association of Colleges of Nursing \(AACN\)](#) website offers a list of AACN financial aid resources, as well as other scholarship and financial aid resources for graduate nursing students.

[AACN State Advocacy Resources for Nurse Educators](#) may provide useful loan and fellowship information if you are planning to become, or are currently a faculty member.

[American Academy of Nurse Practitioners \(AANP\) Foundation](#) offers a scholarship & grant program to its members. Funding amounts vary from \$2,000-\$10,000 – exact award amounts for the previous year can be viewed on the website. There is an annual call for applications.

American Assembly for Men in Nursing Foundation

<https://www.discovernursing.com/scholarship/american-assembly-men-nursing-foundation-scholarships-men#.WX9tdojyuUk> and Johnson & Johnson's Campaign for Nursing's Future are offering a new \$1,000 scholarship program for male students pursuing professional nursing education programs.

American Cancer Society

<https://www.cancer.org/research/we-fund-cancer-research/apply-research-grant/grant-types/doctoral-degree-scholarship-nursing.html>

(ACS) offers generous doctoral degree scholarship in cancer nursing. Initial awards are made for up to two years with the possibility of a two-year renewal. Award is \$15,000 per year. The application deadline is typically on or **around October each year**.

[American Indian Graduate Center \(AIGC\)](#) announces the availability of graduate fellowships for American Indian and Alaska Native students from federally recognized U.S. tribes.

[American Nurses Foundation](#) is currently offering funding for research projects (not tuition). PhD students are eligible to apply. The application process is competitive; approximately 25 awards are given annually. Applications are typically due around May 1 each year.

[American Psychiatric Nurses Association](#) maintains a page listing relevant grants and scholarships. Check back often as information is updated regularly.

[Army Nurse Corps Association \(ANCA\)](#) offers a scholarship program to graduate students. Scholarships are \$3,000. Applications are due approximately March 31st each year.

[Council of Graduate Schools](#) maintains a list of graduate fellowship opportunities for those entering graduate programs. Read eligibility requirements carefully to see how best to market your nursing graduate study.

[Disadvantaged Faculty Loan Repayment Program \(FLRP\)](#)

<https://bhw.hrsa.gov/loansscholarships/flrp> provides for repayment of education loans (up to \$40,000) for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds who agree to serve for at least two years as faculty members at eligible health professions and nursing schools.

[DiscoverNursing.com](#)

<https://www.discovernursing.com/scholarships#.WZMSldKGNpg> is a searchable database of financial aid opportunities developed for the Johnson & Johnson's Campaign for Nursing's Future campaign.

[DiversityNursing.com](#)

<https://diversitynursing.com/> offers one \$5,000 Education Award each year. To be considered, applicants must create a Jobseeker Account and a brief registration form available on the website. The winner is selected during Nurse Week. Registrations must be complete by April 30th.

[ExceptionalNurse.com](#) offers varying scholarships to qualified students with a disability.

[Health Workforce Information Center](#)

<https://innovations.ahrq.gov/qualitytools/health-workforce-information-center-resources> has information on funding, by type, topic, profession, state and sponsor.

[Hispanic Association of Colleges & Universities](#)

<http://www.hacu.net/hacu/default.asp>

offers scholarships for graduate and undergraduate students attending a HACU Member or Partner college or university.

[Jonas Center for Nursing Excellence](#)

Grants offered to support the development of outstanding faculty, advance scholarship and spark innovative practice. The majority of the resources fund the Jonas Nurse Leaders Scholar Program which supports the educational development of nursing doctoral students. Also funds the Jonas Veterans Healthcare Program. Call for application is typically administered through the College of Nursing when it becomes available.

[March of Dimes](#)

awards \$5,000 scholarships to registered nurses enrolled in graduate programs of maternal-child nursing. The purpose is to recognize and promote excellence in nursing care of mothers and babies.

[Minority Nurse Faculty Scholarship](#)

offered through AACN and the Johnson & Johnson Campaign for Nursing's Future. This scholarship is designed to increase the number of nurse

faculty from ethnic minority backgrounds. Applications due in May; award amount is approximately \$18,000.

[National Alaska Native American Indian Nurses Association \(NANAINA\)](#)

<http://nanainurses.com/> awards 10 student members enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate nursing program with \$500 Merit Awards annually.

[National Association of Hispanic Nurses \(NAHN\)](#) offers \$40,000 in scholarships to Hispanic bilingual/bicultural nursing students. To qualify, students must be enrolled in an accredited graduate school nursing program.

[National Association of Neonatal Nurses \(NANN\)](#)

<http://nann.org/> offers scholarships for members pursuing a BSN or graduate degree in neonatal nursing or nursing administration.

[National Black Nurses Association \(NBNA\)](#)

<http://www.nbna.org/> offers a Student Nurse of the Year award to an NBNA member in pursuit of a baccalaureate or other advanced nursing degree.

[National Health Service Corps](#)

<https://www.nhsc.hrsa.gov/> a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, has information about scholarships and loan repayment programs for health care professionals who practice in a medically underserved area.

[Nurse Practitioner Health Association](#) offers a variety of scholarships (\$1,000 to \$5,000 awards) to students in Nurse Practitioner programs for outstanding research, leadership and academic achievements.

[Nurses Educational Funds, Inc.](#) offers a scholarship for nurses enrolled in an accredited master's or doctoral level nursing program.

[Promise of Nursing Regional Faculty Fellowship](#)

<http://www.forevernursing.org/promise-of-nursing-regional-faculty-fellowship-graduate.html> awards \$1,000 to \$7,500 to students committed to the nurse educator role. This scholarship is offered through The Foundation of the National Student Nurses' Association.

[The Oncology Nursing Society Foundation](#) (ONS) awards academic scholarships specifically for students pursuing a master's or doctoral degree or a post-master's certificate.

[Sigma Theta Tau International](#) Honor Society of Nursing awards small grants to encourage nurses to contribute to the advancement of nursing through research. Max is \$5,000; 10-15 awarded annually.