

## Potential Aid, Scholarships, and Awards

*\*Dollar values on all scholarships may vary, as they are dependent upon the current balances in the specific scholarship fund at the time of the award.*

**Office of Financial Aid** - The staff of the university Office of Student Financial Aid assists students in obtaining funds from the source best suited to the individual's need. Three main types of financial assistance are available to qualified students: gift aid, consisting of grants and scholarships; long-term educational loans; and part-time employment. Most of the funds are awarded based on financial need. Contact the Office of Student Financial Aid at ECU to apply for federal, state, and institutional aid programs: <https://financialaid.ecu.edu/>

**Forgivable Education Loans for Service (FELS)** - Established by the North Carolina General Assembly, FELS provides financial assistance to qualified students enrolled in an approved education program and committed to working in critical employment shortage professions in North Carolina. The North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority provides administration for the program. Application can be made when applying to our graduate program (pre-admission). <https://www.cfnc.org/FELS>

**Travel Support** - Pending available funds, if a student is a member of Psychology Graduate Student Organization (PGSO) and attends a certain number of required meetings, he/she can receive some funding for conference travel. This amount is based on the number of members and available funds. It is divided equally to the qualifying members who stated that they needed assistance with travel funding from PGSO. The Principal Investigator designates travel funding for GAs assisting with grant-funded research. When the Department has available travel funds, partial support may be available for students to travel to present research at conferences. Students should check with the Program Director to determine if departmental or Harriot College of Arts & Sciences funding is available.

**Patricia Clark Endrikat Scholarship** - The School Psychology Program has an endowed memorial scholarship from the James Clark family in honor of their daughter, Patricia Clark Endrikat. This scholarship, established in 1981, is in honor of Patricia Clarke Endrikat, who was a psychology graduate of ECU. Mrs. Endrikat received her bachelor's degree in 1973 and her master's degree in 1976. She was a practicing school psychologist in the Virginia Beach and Manassas, VA public school systems. She lived up to high standards in her educational and professional career, especially in her work with children, parents and school personnel. In December of 1981 she was found to have terminal cancer and died within two weeks. Her family began the endowment for this scholarship. Applicants for the scholarship must be completing their first year of the school psychology program and must show promise of completing it. The applicant's career plans must include the direct practice of school psychology in the public schools. Of those who apply for the scholarship, the recipient will be selected by a committee appointed by the Program Director.

**Other Department Scholarships** - In addition to graduate assistantships, the department administers some scholarship opportunities for outstanding students within each graduate program. Scholarship requirements and values are established by the scholarship donor and are administered by the Program Directors. To be considered for a graduate program scholarship, students should see their Program Director for application materials and guidelines. At present, students in Pediatric School Psychology may be considered for the **Ginger Stoddard Memorial Travel Award**. Faculty members are asked to nominate graduate students who displayed excellence in the classroom and in research. Once nominated, candidates completed an application that included an essay detailing how attending an academic conference would be beneficial to their career development.

***National/International Fellowships and Scholarships*** - East Carolina University maintains an Office of National/International Fellowships and Scholarships: <https://scholarships.ecu.edu/> to familiarize students with the competitive national and international fellowships and scholarships available to selected students intent on pursuing graduate work. These fellowships and scholarships, for the most part, are for terms long enough to ensure completion of the master's degree, but in some cases, they allow for work on the doctoral degree. Among the fellowships and scholarships coordinated by this office are the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship, the Marshall Scholarship, the Rhodes Scholarship, and the Fulbright Grant.

***Veterans Administration Educational Payments*** - The Offices of Veterans Administration (VA) and Social Security has programs for payment of full-time benefits to eligible veterans and dependents. To find out if you meet or how to meet eligibility requirements, you may call the Regional Processing Office (RPO) (1-888-442-4551) or visit: <https://benefits.va.gov/gibill/> For any further questions or more detailed answers, please contact: [VABenefits@ecu.edu](mailto:VABenefits@ecu.edu). Further information is available at the ECU Veterans Affairs Office: <https://registrar.ecu.edu/veterans/>

***Out-of-State Tuition Waivers for Military Personnel Stationed in N.C. and Their Dependents*** - According to N.C. General Statute 116-143.3 certain members of the armed services and their dependent relatives may be eligible to be charged a tuition rate less than the out-of-state rate whether or not they qualify as residents for tuition purposes. It is required that the member of the armed services and any dependent relative claiming the tuition waiver be living together in North Carolina, and that the member of the armed services have an assigned duty station in North Carolina.

***Tuition Waivers for Persons at Least 65 Years of Age*** - Persons 65 years of age and older who meet the requirements for the in-state rate of tuition and the university requirements for admission can have their tuition and fees waived provided space is available in the course being sought.