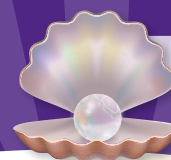


Pirate Pearls

THE GRADUATE STUDENT
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Searching for Funding for 2019-2020?

Maximize your job search strategy!

Many offices on campus arrange for graduate assistants months in advance of the start date. So, if you need assistantship funding for 2019-2020, it's time to start looking now! Here are some places online to review for more opportunities!

Student Employment Office

The Student Employment Office maintains job advertisements for all types of student positions: federal work-study, hourly pay (self-help), and assistantships. Review their listings regularly

Gradfunding mailing list

You can subscribe to this opt-in mailing list and receive announcements that are sent out by the Graduate School. This mailing list sends out assistantship, fellowship & scholarship opportunities as well as some general financial advice. Review subscription instructions on the [Grad School website](#).

Graduate Program Director

Speak with your graduate program director to determine if there are funding opportunities within your program or Department. These are handled differently in each program, so make sure to speak with the director of your degree or certificate program to get the most accurate information. You can find your program director by searching for your program on the [Find Your Program feature](#) on the Grad School website.

Search External Databases

Review sites like [ProFellow.com](#), ECU's [SPIN database](#), and other [online funding opportunities](#) to see what's out there for you!

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Thesis Or Dissertation Upload Deadline

This date is always in the Academic Calendar. Click on the [Blue Link](#) on the top of any academic calendar and you will be taken to the Application and Processing Calendar. The Thesis & Dissertation deadline is always listed there!

[Spring 2019](#)
[Summer 2019](#)





PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

CREATING YOUR PROFESSIONAL PATH

JOIN US on Friday, March 15th, 2019 at the East Carolina Heart Institute Auditorium at 10:00 - 11:00 am for **Creating Your Professional Path** - Graduate students and postdoctoral fellows will learn about relevant professional development resources during this session. Dr. Brandt will share the career development strategies and tools she has used with her own mentees and with students and fellows across the University of South Carolina.

12:00 - 1:00 pm: **Using What Works to Increase Colorectal Cancer Screening** - March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. Compared to other types of cancer screening, colorectal cancer screening has been increasing yet remains below levels for other types of cancer. One way to accelerate increases in colorectal cancer screening is through using what works, i.e. evidence-based interventions with clinical and community partners. In this presentation, Dr. Brandt will share a brief overview of the state-of-the-science and focus on sharing results of a CDC-funded project using evidence-based interventions to increase colorectal cancer screening, including a focus on dissemination and implementation science processes.

About Heather M. Brandt, PhD: Dr. Brandt is Associate Dean in the Graduate School and Professor of Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior in the Arnold School of Public Health at the University of South Carolina. She is faculty affiliate in the Rural and Minority Health Research Center, South Carolina Statewide Cancer Prevention and Control Program, TechHealth-Technology Center to Promote Healthy Lifestyles, and Women's and Gender Studies Program. As Associate Dean in the Graduate School, she directs scholarly initiatives, professional development programs, communication efforts, and other activities to support almost 6,500 graduate students across more than 250 graduate degree programs. Dr. Brandt is currently PI of a CDC-funded colorectal cancer screening program with FQHCs in South Carolina (NU58DP006137), co-PI with Dr. Maria Fernandez of the University of Texas Health Sciences Center at Houston of a R01 focused on organizational readiness, co-investigator on the CDC- and NCI-funded South Carolina Cancer Prevention and Control Research Network (U48DP005000-01S2), co-investigator of an environmental assessment of cervical cancer and colorectal cancer control in rural South Carolina (5U1CRH30539-03-00), and a contributor to additional internally and externally funded research.

Spring Career Fair & Spring Education Fair

March 13 - see website for times www.ecu.edu/career

MAKE SURE YOU SIGN UP FOR HANDSHAKE!

HANDSHAKE is the online portal Career Services offers to all ECU students. This online tool can help you connect to employers both on campus and off-campus. It is also a great way to sign up for the campus career fairs and other events brought to you through Career Services.



IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

FEB
3-10

Spring Break
[Academic Calendar](#)

MAY
3

Commencement
[Academic Calendar](#)
[Commencement Information](#)
If you are graduating, [apply for graduation NOW!](#)

MARCH
20

Last day to withdraw from term-length courses or withdraw from school without grades by 5:00 PM today.
[Academic Calendar](#)

MAY
13

Summer 1 and 11 week summer classes begin
[Academic Calendar](#)

MAR
22

Early Registration for Summer and Fall 2019 semesters begins at 1:00 PM. Grad students can register at 1:00 PM. [Academic Calendar](#)

MAY
14

Last day for registration and schedule changes for Summer 1 and 11-week summer sessions
[Academic Calendar](#)

APRIL
18

Last day to submit a thesis or dissertation for Spring 2019 graduation
[Processing Calendar](#)

MAY
27

State Holiday (no classes)
[Academic Calendar](#)

APRIL
19-20

Last day to submit an abstract for a presentation at Research & Creative Achievement Week 2019
[RCAW Website](#)

JUNE
4

Last day to withdraw from summer 1 courses or for the entire term without grades by 5:00 PM.
[Academic Calendar](#)

APRIL
23

State Holiday Make-Up day. Classes which would have met on Friday April 19 will meet on this day instead.
[Academic Calendar](#)

JUNE
17

Classes end. Last day for faculty to remove incompletes from Summer Session 1 2018.
[Academic Calendar](#)

APRIL
23

Classes end. Last day for faculty to remove incompletes from Spring 2018.
[Academic Calendar](#)

JUNE
18

Final exams for Summer Session 1
[Academic Calendar](#)

[Academic Calendars are always found at ecu.edu/fsonline/senate/fscalend.cfm](http://ecu.edu/fsonline/senate/fscalend.cfm)



RESEARCH & FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

2019 ICPSR Summer Program Scholarships

The Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) is offering funds to support training in statistics, quantitative methods, research design, and data analysis at the 2019 ICPSR Summer Program.

The following ICPSR Summer Program scholarships are open to students (unless stated otherwise) in the specified disciplines, fields, or areas of research. All ICPSR Summer Program scholarships cover the registration fees for one or both four-week sessions in the 2019 ICPSR Summer Program. The application deadline for all 2019 ICPSR Summer Program scholarships is March 31, 2019. For more information, visit www.icpsr.umich.edu/sumprog or contact the Summer Program at sumprog@icpsr.umich.edu.

- Clifford C. Clogg Scholarship: Open to students in Sociology
- Diversity Scholarship: Open to incoming and returning graduate students from underrepresented groups
- Jerome M. Clubb Scholarship: Open to students in Quantitative History or related fields
- Henry (Hank) Heitowit Scholarship: Open to students, instructors, faculty, or researchers regardless of specific substantive field or academic discipline who have previously attended the ICPSR Summer Program's four-week sessions
- Eugene Owen Scholarship: Open to students, pre-tenure scholars, assistant professors, and advanced scientists from any academic discipline researching cross-national differences in education and teaching
- Warren E. Miller Scholarship: Open to students, pre-tenure scholars, and assistant professors researching electoral and political behavior, either in the U.S. or in a comparative context
- Scholarship for Developmental, Child, & Family Psychology: Open to students pursuing research in child, developmental, and family psychology
- Scholarship for Education Research: Open to students pursuing research on education issues
- Scholarship for Political Science Research: Open to students in Political Science
- Scholarship for Public Administration, Public Policy, and Public Affairs: Open to students pursuing research in public administration, public policy, or public affairs

ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

The following scholarships are awarded by organizations outside of ICPSR. These scholarships also cover the registration fees for one or both of the 2019 four-week sessions.

- EITM Certification Scholarships: Awarded by EITM to graduate students in Political Science. Application deadline: March 1, 2019.
- Janet Box-Steffensmeier & John A. Garcia Scholarships: Awarded by the Society for Political Methodology to women & under-represented graduate students enrolled in Political Science PhD programs. Application deadline: March 31, 2019.
- Hanes Walton, Jr. Award for Quantitative Methods Training: Awarded by the National Conference of Black Political Scientists to faculty and graduate students from Historically Black Colleges and Universities, as well as to women and minority graduate students and faculty at other institutions. Application deadline: March 31, 2019.



RESEARCH & FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Applications are being accepted now through April 30 for the 2019-2020 NC AHEC Scholars program at Eastern AHEC.

This program recruits, trains, and supports a diverse group of students from across the state, creating a multidisciplinary team of health professionals committed to community service and the transformation of health care in North Carolina. There is an emphasis on individuals from underrepresented minorities, disadvantaged/rural backgrounds, and first-generation college students. Applicants should have a current interest in improving health care in rural or underserved communities and be currently enrolled in a health professions degree or certificate program in North Carolina.

- Open to university and community college students of all health professions (including mental health)
- Network with peers and professionals across the region and state
- Two-year program (September-May each year)
- 80 hours of education/training per year (40 didactic and 40 clinical)
- \$400 stipend per year

Medical, dental, pharmacy, nursing, social work, physical therapy, occupational therapy, public/population health, and other health professions students are eligible to apply. This program is open to both undergraduate and graduate students as long as they can commit two years.

See what the 2018-2019 cohort has to say:

“My favorite part of this program thus far has been attending these interactive and engaging presentations from established health professionals, and especially so with a group of equally motivated and ambitious students with similar interests.” - Sruthi Boddapati

“I have learned about ways that I can better myself as a student and future health professional. Since I am already a public health major, this program has helped me apply the knowledge I already know and learn more about other topics like effective communication, nutrition, etc.” - Melenis Lopez

“I liked collaborating and exploring the different perspectives that were brought to the table. In this program, I learned the importance of health literacy. For that matter, I learned to communicate in layman’s terms when working with people who are not studying the same profession.” - Jharnell Cofield

For more information, visit:

<https://www.easternahec.net/student-services-housing/nc-ahec-scholars/>

For more information about the program, contact Paige Fuqua at fuquap18@ecu.edu.

Applications due April 30, 2019.



IMPORTANT ACADEMIC POLICIES

Graduating with a Certificate

Certificates are one type of academic credential you can earn as a graduate student at ECU. Some certificates require the student to be enrolled in a degree program and other certificates can be earned as a “stand alone” credential. If you are already a degree bound student, you can complete the Add a Certificate form online to get permission to officially enroll in a certificate. You must be enrolled in a certificate in order to graduate with a certificate. If you are taking the courses, but are not officially enrolled in the certificate, it will not be graduated or added to your transcript. Please speak with your graduate program director and the director of the certificate to ensure you are properly enrolled. You should see a Degree Works audit for the certificate if you are properly enrolled. All of the available certificates can be reviewed in the [Find Your Program feature](#) on the Graduate School website. You must apply to graduate for a certificate just as you are required to for a graduate degree. See the [Registrar’s website](#) for details on applying to graduate.

Registering & Paying Tuition and Fees on Time

There are important deadlines each semester by which students must be registered for the term and pay their tuition and fees balance. It is the student’s responsibility to get registered and to check the accuracy of their schedule. The course name, number, section, and number of credits needs to be checked by the student by the 5th day of classes for Fall & Spring and by the 2nd day of classes for Summer Semesters. Make sure to review the [Academic Calendar for each semester](#) to learn these deadlines. It is up to you to be registered on time. Late registrations may not be possible.

Also, the Cashier publishes [Tuition and Fees rates](#) as well as Important Deadlines well in advance of each term. It is the student’s responsibility to ensure these financial payments are made. There are times when schedules are dropped for non-payment. Students should not rely on being dropped for non-payment as a means for withdrawing from school. Make sure to review all these links carefully!

Graduating in Spring or Summer 2019?

The [application for graduate graduation](#) should be completed at least one semester prior to completion of the requirements of the degree or certificate. Application for graduation must be completed online through [PiratePort](#) in Banner Self Service. If there are curriculum changes after the student has applied to graduate or if the semester of graduation changes, it is the student’s responsibility to notify the Office of the Registrar at regis@ecu.edu to have the graduation application updated. Students who complete the degree requirements after the last day of final exams in the intended term of graduation will be certified for graduation in a subsequent term. You must apply for a degree graduation and a certificate graduation separately, even if they are graduated the same semester



GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE

TEDxECU Needs Speakers!

TEDxECU is looking for 3-4 student speakers (undergraduate/graduate) that would like to present their research work and findings at the annual **Research and Creative Achievement Week** held at the Main Campus Student Center on April 1 (12:00 - 1:00 PM). Tryouts are required. Click the link to apply & provide a general overview of what your research entails alongside dates and times you are available to present to the TEDx panel for selection (Dates March 11 - 14th)

<https://goo.gl/forms/5djf2lbmaOm8JeoB2>

There will be \$100 gift card prizes for the top 3-4 speakers! The TEDxECU event will be held April 1 at 12:00 noon in the Black Box Theater in the Main Campus Student Center.

Need a Coffee Break?

Join GPSS to enjoy a cup of coffee and get to know your GPSS representatives! Share your thoughts and feedback on how GPSS can help to advocate for graduate & professional students.

- March 12 - 8:00 - 9:00 AM @ Starbucks - Health Sciences Student Center
- March 19 - 8:00 - 9:00 AM @ Starbucks - Main Campus Student Center
- April 9 - 8:00 - 9:00 AM @ Starbucks - Main Campus Student Center
- April 16 - 8:00 - 9:00 AM @ Starbucks - Main Campus Student Center

Graduate & Professional Student Appreciation Week!

You are appreciated! Keep your eyes open for the Graduate & Professional Student Appreciation Week events! GPSS plans to have 1-2 events per day - FOR YOU during the week of April 1 - 6.

This is the same week as Research & Creative Achievement Week - where we celebrate your accomplishments! Make sure to join us in the Main Campus Student Center for the RCAW events including TEDxECU talks, poster presentations, and podium presentations! You can find the schedule on the [RCAW website](#). Support your fellow graduate students!

GPSS Trivia Night at Uptown Brewery

Grab some of your graduate student friends and join GPSS at Trivia Night at Uptown Brewery (418 Evans St, Greenville). Check in is at 6:30 PM and trivia begins at 7:00 PM!

- March 21 - Thursday
- April 18 - Thursday

Gift Card Prizes for the Top 3 Teams! Teams may include non-student guests; however, only ECU Graduate & Professional Students are eligible for prizes.

<https://orgsync.com/login/east-carolina-university>



GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE

GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

It takes a lot of individuals working together to prepare for Research & Creative Achievement Week and they need your help! Students are needed to help set up easels for poster presentations on March 31 and also to take them down on April 4th. If you would like to help the Graduate School, RCAW & GPSS, please contact Rebecca Nickle at nickler11@students.ecu.edu.

Want to be on the GPSS Board? It's time to run for office!

There are four open positions for the 2019-2020 school year including President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Executive Associate. These individuals work closely with the Student Government Association (SGA), the Division of Student Affairs, and the Graduate School. There are opportunities to advocate for change, serve on campus committees, and increase your networking opportunities. Please send an email to current president Rebecca Nickle (nickler11@students.ecu.edu) and Coordinator for Graduate & Professional Student Events, Emily Theys (theyse18@ecu.edu) to ask questions and share your intention to run for one of these offices. Your time, effort, and ideas are greatly appreciated by all of the graduate & professional students across campus!

Graduate & Professional Student Advocacy Day

If you are interested in attending Graduate & Professional Student Advocacy Day in Raleigh on April 7-8, please contact GPSS President, Rebecca Nickle at nickler11@students.ecu.edu. There are several pieces of legislation being proposed including a Graduate & Professional Student Bill of Rights, legislation to address pay disparities, and legislation to address disparities in what fees & tuition graduate and professional students pay. This event is sponsored by the UNC Association of Student Governments. This group of leaders from the universities across the UNC system is eager for you to join them at this exciting event! Contact Rebecca Nickle today!

GPSS on Social Media!

Follow your Graduate & Professional Student Senate (GPSS) through social media to stay up to date on all the happenings and events!

Facebook: [gpssecu](https://www.facebook.com/gpssecu)

Insta: [ECU.GPSS](https://www.instagram.com/ECU.GPSS)

Twitter: [GPSSECU](https://twitter.com/GPSSECU)

gpssecu@ecu.edu

<https://orgsync.com/login/east-carolina-university>



GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS AVAILABLE

Graduate Assistantships for 2019-2020 academic year available in the Division of Student Affairs. Apply Today!

Student Affairs posted its graduate assistantships for 2019-20 and are available for review on their [website](#). Each position is linked to a specific job description with details about the position as well as funding, application information and more. A short list of the positions includes positions in a variety of offices including Campus Recreation & Wellness (Adventure/Leadership, Athletic Training, Communications & Marketing, Fitness, Wellness), Campus Living (Residence Life), Marketing, Leadership & Civic Engagement, Career Services, Office of Student Rights & Responsibilities, Women and Gender office as well as Student Affairs Assessment, Research, and Planning. A graduate assistantship in these offices could help enhance your graduate education. Please [review the website](#) and the specific links for each position. Each position may have its own requirements, application, and deadlines.

<https://studentaffairs.ecu.edu/garecruitment/>

Need More Information on Funding?

Make sure you opt-in to our optional GradFunding mailing list so open assistantships, scholarships, and fellowships information come straight to your Inbox! You can easily sign up today and unsubscribe when you are ready to stop reviewing funding emails.

The GradFunding mailing list is specifically for ECU graduate students who are looking for assistantships, scholarships, grants, or other types of graduate education or research funding. You must opt in (subscribe) to this mailing list - and then opt out (unsubscribe). Follow these directions to start getting these periodic announcements today!

1. Address an email to listserv@listserv.ecu.edu
2. No subject or signature file.
3. Type the message: **SUBSCRIBE GRADFUNDING-L Firstname Lastname**
4. Replace Firstname and Lastname with your name.
5. Send the email.



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March 15- Fri.

3:00 - 4:30 PM

How to Fully Fund
Grad School

March 19 - Tue.

2:00 - 3:30 PM

Interview Secrets
For Funding
Interviews

March 27 - Wed.

10 - 11:30 AM

Extraordinary
Recommendation
Letters for Funding &
Beyond

April 1 - Mon.

10:00 - 11:30 AM

Creating A Great
Personal Statement for
Funding or Grad School

April 9 - Tues.

1:30 - 3:00 PM

Introduction to Fellowships &
Funding Advice

All sessions in Joyner Library 1008

**(Conference Room within the Office For Faculty Excellent, 1st Floor Joyner,
next to the University Writing Center)**

Please **Register** through the Office for Faculty Excellence website
Individuals requesting accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
should contact the Department for Disability Support Services at least 48 hours prior to
the event at 252-737-1016 (voice/TTY).



REGISTRATION, ADD/DROP, WITHDRAWAL INFORMATION

Early Registration For Summer Sessions & Fall 2019 Begins on March 22

Beginning at 1:00 PM on Friday, March 22, currently enrolled graduate students are eligible to register for Summer Session 1 or 2, 11-week summer session, and/or Fall semester. It is in your best interests to speak to your advisors NOW so you are ready to register quickly after 1:00 PM on 3/22/19. When you register early, it allows you to know your financial obligations. This helps with planning finances, applying for and understanding financial aid, and will also help you review your progress towards your degree in Degree Works. The Graduate School recommends students register for Summer semesters within 1-2 weeks of March 22nd and for Fall semester by May 1st. This ensures you are able to be organized, plan, and begin each semester as stress-free as possible!

How Do I Register?

Graduate Students are expected to register themselves for courses via [Banner Self Service](#). Your official schedule must be checked via Banner Self Service each semester. It is the student's responsibility to ensure your schedule is accurate each semester including correct course name, number, section number, and number of credits. To learn more about using [Banner Self Service](#) for early registration, review the [helpful guides](#) on the Registrar's website. Graduate students do not need registration PINs.

How Long is the Add/Drop Period?

At ECU, the "add/drop" period is called the Course Adjustment Period and the last date for course adjustments is listed in the [academic calendar](#) for each semester. Students are

responsible for adding & dropping courses by this deadline. It is the 5th day of classes during the Fall & Spring Semesters and is typically the 2nd day of classes in summer sessions. Consult the [academic calendar](#) for each semester's deadlines.

Courses are rarely added to a student's schedule after the Course Adjustment Period has ended. If this is requested and permitted, the student will be required to pre-pay all tuition & fees. Late requests should come from the Graduate Program Director to the Registrar and Graduate School. The policy on [schedule changes](#) is always in the [Graduate Catalog](#).

Course and Term Withdrawals

Any course "dropped" after course adjustment period deadline is not a drop - it is a course withdrawal and a W is listed on the transcript. If a course withdrawal is requested after the deadline, there could be a grade of F along with the W. It is important to consult with your advisor prior to withdrawing from any course and ensure you make withdrawal decisions prior to the deadline each semester.

Term withdrawals occur when a student withdraws from all courses in a semester. It is the student's responsibility to email the Registrar, course instructors, and program directors to notify them of this action. The [withdrawal policy and procedures](#) are explained in the Graduate Catalog. Withdrawals, either course or term, may affect assistantships, financial aid, and eligibility for student health insurance. Students may consult with graduate program directors, academic advisors, and/or the Dean of Students Office to discuss the impacts of course or term withdrawals.

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