Funding Opportunities

There are a variety of funding resources for students who are pursuing internships and other forms of experiential education. This list, while not comprehensive, gives a good starting point for exploring funding from both UNC and non-UNC sources.

Interview Dress Funding

**Styled for Success** [1]

Styled for Success provides funding for the purchase of professional interview attire to UNC students receiving need-based financial aid.

All UNC Juniors, Seniors, and Graduate Students who are currently receiving need-based financial aid and are actively involved in a job or internship search. Carolina Covenant students are given preference. Financial aid status is verified with the Office of Scholarships and Student Aid.

[Apply here](#) [1]. Fall 2019 deadline is Wednesday December 4, 2019 (grants awarded within 2 weeks of an application on a rolling basis). Spring 2020 deadline is Friday April 24, 2020 (grants awarded within 2 weeks of an application on a rolling basis).

**Carolina Closet** [2]

Carolina Closet works to provide professional clothing assistance to individuals of the Carolina community by procuring and loaning both business formal and business casual attire to those in need on this campus. The purpose of the Carolina Closet is multidimensional in that it seeks to enhance the dignity and quality of life of individuals by strengthening communities, eliminating barriers to professional opportunities, and helping people reach their full potential both on and off campus. Please click [here](#) [2] for more information.

Internship Funding

**The Marcia Harris UNC Career Services Travel Fund** [3]

This fund is a fellowship in honor of [Marcia Harris](#) [4], Director of University Career Services at Carolina from 1982-2009 and mentor to thousands of students over her tenure. The fellowship provides an undergraduate student with a stipend to pursue their career aspirations by giving them funds to travel domestically for a job or an internship interview or for a networking opportunity such as a professional conference. These funds are specifically designated for travel, including airfare and lodging, to and from Chapel Hill or to and from the recipients' U.S. home. (Please note that this grant will not over the cost of travel to perform an internship or
relocate for a job). The award amount is from $100 to $1,500 based on need, as outlined in the student application.

Applicants must be currently enrolled in good standing as a full-time upper-class undergraduate (Sophomore, Junior, or Senior), of an undergraduate baccalaureate program at UNC Chapel Hill in the term immediately preceding the receipt of the award.

Apply here [3]. Fall 2019 deadline Tuesday October 1, 2019 (grant awarded by Tuesday October 15, 2019). Spring 2020 deadline Tuesday February 3, 2020 (grant awarded by Tuesday February 17, 2020).

**Summer Internship Grant**

The Office of Scholarships & Student Aid offers competitive grant funding to help students cover the expense of travel, housing, and meals during an internship lasting at least four weeks. Seniors, students with graduation dates of August 2020, December 2020, or May 2021, who receive need-based financial aid are eligible to apply.

Amounts range from a few hundred dollars to a few thousand, depending on student's proposed budget and level of financial need. Students are strongly encouraged to look for internships that fit with academic and career interests. These donor-supported summer grants are meant to open up new opportunities and encourage students to seek out unique internship placements.

Application will be available in Spring 2020, with deadline of April 10, 2020 (grants awarded by April 30, 2020).

**UCS C-STEP Internship Stipend** [5]

In order to be competitive in the job market most students understand that they need to participate in an internship or internships in their chosen field before they graduate. However, sometimes those internships are unpaid. This is challenging for any student, and particularly challenging to the C-STEP student who may feel like they need summer school or have other financial commitments that don't allow them to take an unpaid internship. Please click [here] [6] for more details.

Applications will be available in Spring 2020.

**Public Service Internship Prize** [7]

The J. W. Saxe Memorial Prize is a prize of fifteen hundred dollars that will be awarded to one or more college or university students involved in public service. The award is meant to enable the student to gain practical experience in public service by taking a no-pay or low-pay job or internship during a summer or other term. Preference will be given to applicants who have already found such a position, but who require additional funds. Applicants should send a resume together with an essay stating short and long-term goals to the J.W.Saxe Memorial Fund, 1524 31st Street N. W., Washington, D.C. 20007-3074. Include statements from four references including one from a faculty member. Deadline to apply: April 5th by 5pm. Winners will be notified by April 12th.

**APPLES Service Learning Internships** [8]

Students intern at a variety of nonprofit and governmental agencies, receive funding ($1,200 for spring and $2,500 for summer) and are enrolled in a service-learning course.
Moxie Scholars [9]
Moxie Scholars study the history of women’s activism, and then spend the summer in paid internships in women’s organizations in the Triangle.

Research Funding

Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships [10]
Fellowships to support undergraduate research, mentored scholarship and creative performance during the summer.

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) [11]
Learn more about the Undergraduate Scholarship Program Award by visiting the DAAD website [12].

Honors Thesis Research Grants in International Studies [13]
Honors thesis research grants applications are available for seniors and rising seniors who plan to write an honors thesis in International Studies.

Undergraduate Research Programs at UNC [14]
Search engine for undergraduate research on campus including funding opportunities

NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates [15]
Program funded through the National Science Foundation for students to take part in a research project. Students are granted stipends and, in many cases, assistance with housing and travel.

Fellowships and Scholarships

Carolina Global Initiative Award [16]
The opportunity may take a wide variety of forms including: internships, research, service projects, educational group travel or summer study abroad. The opportunity must be globally focused, but can take place anywhere in the world, including the U.S.

Center for Global Initiatives [17]
The Center for Global Initiatives supports faculty research and curriculum development, as well as student language training, international internships and projects, and on-campus student projects relevant to global studies. CGI is particularly interested in opening access to students who are underrepresented in international experiences and study abroad including: ethnic minority students, students with financial need, and students in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) fields.
 Scholarships, fellowships and awards sorted by class year brought to you by the UNC-Chapel Hill Office of Distinguished Scholarships.

**Burch Fellows Program** [19]

The Burch Fellows Program was established in 1993 by a gift from UNC-CH alumnus Lucius E. Burch III. Its purpose is to recognize undergraduate students at the University who possess extraordinary ability, promise, and imagination. It grants up to $6000 to support self-designed off-campus experiences that will enable them to pursue a passionate interest.

**The Mahatma Gandhi Fellowship** [20]

For students to pursue an independent summer project that benefits South Asians.

**Carolina Center For Public Service Awards and Fellowships** [21]

The CCPS offers seven awards and fellowships enabling students to engage in state, national and international public service, research and education.

**Pine Tree Scholarships** [22]

A need-based scholarship that is awarded to individuals who identify as being gay or lesbian or express an interest in gay and lesbian studies.

**LeighDeux Women for Excellence in Entrepreneurship Award** [23]

Awards of $2,500 per year given to students in the Minor in Entrepreneurship program who are interested in launching their own venture while at UNC or following graduation.

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**Working and Studying Abroad**

**Class of 1938 Summer Study Abroad Fellowships** [24]

The UNC-CH Alumni Class of 1938 annually awards summer study abroad fellowships to American students interested in pursuing independent career or personal projects outside the United States. This is a unique scholarship program because it provides financial assistance to students who could not perform independent projects abroad without the support of the Class of 1938 funding.

**Frances L. Phillips Travel Scholarship** [25]

Administered by Student Affairs and the Office of Scholarships and Student Aid, this scholarship engages
students in directed international travel experiences.

**Phillips Ambassador Program** [26]

For students participating in summer or semester study abroad programs in Asia approved by the College of arts & Science.

**UNC Global Funding** [27]

Comprehensive list of stipends for internships, research and studying abroad with a focus on extending UNC?s global reach.

**Unks Travel Fellowship** [28]

Fellowship for travel abroad established due to a realization of the need for understanding and communication between people of various nationalities and cultures as methods of preserving world peace, the hope of increasing international awareness among citizens of the United States of America, and the inestimable value and reward of foreign travel for undergraduate students at UNC.

**Financial Emergency Funding (non-internship related)**

**Dean of Students Emergency Fund** [29]

The SEF assists Carolina students by providing financial support when they need assistance with unexpected emergency expenses surrounding situations such as accidents, illness, death of a family member, fire damage or need for temporary housing.

**The Carolina Cupboard** [30]

On-campus food pantry that provides food and personal care items at no cost to students. A friendly welcoming service open to anyone who needs a little help.

**Additional Funding Opportunities**

**Carolina Funding Database** [31]

Comprehensive data base of on-campus funding opportunities for students, staff and faculty. It also includes a variety of relevant non-UNC funding resources.

**Embark Carolina** [32]

Comprehensive funding database for internships, research opportunities, self-designed projects, service projects, and more. Includes the Embark Carolina Funding Finder [33], which allows you to filter and search a robust database of awards and fellowships that can be used to fund your global opportunity.