

Here are some resources for incoming (or continuing) students who may be seeking a Research, Teaching or Graduate Assistantship:

Understand how the University's Graduate Tuition Support works. Visit gradschool.unc.edu/policies/tuitionsupport/ for details. The term "assistantship" is used widely, although you may not receive tuition support other than a stipend or hourly wage – be sure to ask potential employers about tuition coverage.

Understand timing for posting of opportunities. Often these positions do not appear until late in the summer or early in the fall as they may be dependent on state budgets which may not be fully distributed until September or October.

Begin with your department. Your Student Services Manager may know of opportunities within your department or for a research affiliated with the School. Ask if there are listservs you can join or other processes to help you identify opportunities as they arise.

Network across the university and/or affiliated centers and institutes. Review faculty profiles within your department and others – as you see where your interests intersect, you may be able to develop opportunities for work or get referrals to others who have similar interests. Be sure to also look at centers and institutes affiliated with the University as many of them hire graduate students. Most are located in Chapel Hill/Carrboro – visit <http://research.unc.edu/centers-institutes-labs/index.htm> for details.

Consider possible RA, TA or GA opportunities in other areas. For instance, if you have been successful in Biology as an undergraduate contact that department to find out about TA opportunities with Biology 101, etc. Join the grad_funding listserv for these and other funding updates. See gradschool.unc.edu/funding/listserv.html for details.

Use Handshake, the UCS job and internship database, to search for part-time opportunities. While not all available opportunities are posted through UCS, it is another resource to use in your search. Access for new students is granted during the first few weeks of classes. Visit <https://careers.unc.edu/students/resources/handshake> for access. UCS also holds a part-time job fair (for off-campus positions) during the first week of classes each fall and offers a number of other resources for part-time employment (see <https://careers.unc.edu/students/part-time-employment>).

Explore opportunities through the university temporary staffing services. The Office of Human Resources offers two options for temporary staffing – direct hire and University Temporary Services through a collaboration with NC State. For more information on these options, visit <http://hr.unc.edu/careers-at-carolina/temporary-employment/>

Additional resources for finding funding may be found on <http://gradschool.unc.edu/funding/>

Good luck!

International students should check with the Office of International Students and Scholars FIRST to determine how part time work may affect their visa requirements for OPT

