

FINANCIAL AID RESOURCES for Graduate Nursing Students

The School of Nursing assists students with education expenses through University scholarships, graduate teaching and research assistantships, and participation in state and federal scholarship, loan, and grant programs. Eligibility requirements will depend on academic program, scholarly achievement, and demonstrated financial need.

General Graduate Program Scholarships – School of Nursing Endowment scholarships are awarded twice a year, in both the fall and spring semesters. Applicants will have completed at least 9 graduate credit hours and must be enrolled in at least 5 credit hours in the award semester. Scholarships may be awarded based on a variety of factors, including donor-directed criteria, merit, or merit paired with financial need. Students are encouraged to complete the Free Application for Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA) in order to maximize eligibility for funding opportunities.

Nurse Faculty Loan Program (NFLP) –The NFLP provides loans to students who are enrolled full-time or part-time in master's and doctoral nursing programs and intend to seek faculty positions after graduation. The funds are used to cover the cost of tuition, fees, books, lab expenses, and other reasonable education expenses. Recipients are required to complete four nursing education courses as part of their program of study. Students may be eligible to have up to 85% of the loan forgiven if they serve as full-time nurse faculty for a consecutive 4-year period at a school of nursing following graduation.

Kansas Board of Regents Nurse Educator Service (NES) -The Kansas Nurse Educator Service loan program is for master's and doctoral nursing students who intend to seek faculty positions in Kansas nursing education programs after graduation. The funds cover 70% of tuition, fees, and books, with a percentage of the total loan amount forgiven for each year of nurse faculty employment. Applicants must be Kansas residents and may be enrolled full or part time.

Advanced Nursing Education/Workforce Grant (ANEW) -This grant program provides funding to a limited number of DNP students in the following primary care specialty areas: Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner, Family Nurse Practitioner, and Nurse Midwife. Recipients must have interest or experience in Rural Underserved Areas (RUAs) or Medically Underserved Areas (MUAs), and will complete a rural health immersion experience in Kansas during one semester of the academic year.

Graduate Teaching Assistantships -The School of Nursing hires a number of Graduate Teaching Assistants (GTAs) for two types of GTA positions: GTA – Clinical Learning Laboratory and GTA – Course Management. Students work 8-16 hours per week, and receive a percentage of tuition paid by KU and a stipend of \$15 per hour. See this section of the Nursing website for more information and the GTA online application: <http://nursing.kumc.edu/clinical-learning-skills-laboratory/gta-information.html>

Graduate Research Assistantships - Faculty researchers in the School of Nursing often require Graduate Research Assistants (GRAs) to help with projects. Duties can include literature review, library searches, data collection, data entry, and other duties related to the research project. Faculty research projects are of varying length and may be grant funded. GRAs are paid an hourly stipend and may have tuition adjustments, depending on the project.

Other Financial Assistance - The KU Medical Center Student Financial Aid office is the central source of information for student loans and other types of federal financial assistance. Students should complete the Free Application for Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA) each year in order to maximize eligibility for funding opportunities. Please see the Financial Aid Office website for a full overview of the graduate student financial aid process: <http://www.kumc.edu/student-services/student-financial-aid.html>

Tuition Rates – 2017-2018 Academic Year

Online: \$656/credit hour = includes \$412/hr base tuition + \$144/hr nursing course fee + \$100/hr E-Learning fee

On-campus, Kansas resident: \$556/credit hour = includes \$412/hr base tuition + \$144/hr nursing course fee

On-campus, non-resident: \$1,114/credit hour = includes \$970/hr base tuition + \$144/hr nursing course fee

Required student campus fees: \$204 per semester (fall and spring)