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# UNM DEPARTMENT OF SPEECH & HEARING SCIENCES

## FINANCIAL MATTERS

While we know that graduate education is one of the best investments you will ever make, the question of how to pay for your education is an immediate concern for everyone.

UNM is regularly on Money magazine's list of excellent college values because UNM's resident rates are low and because non-resident students can easily qualify for resident rates after living in New Mexico for one year.

Full-time graduate students usually enroll for 9 – 12 credits per semester. In the summer, all students pay resident fees. In addition to the graduate tuition rate, there is a differential tuition rate for graduate SHS courses. Other fees include \$90 per semester for clinic materials and malpractice insurance, and a per semester fee for the UNM Graduate Professional Student Association (GPSA). For current tuition and GPSA information, please visit the UNM Registrar's Office website at <http://bursar.unm.edu/>.

The Department offers some assistantships and modest scholarships, but we are not able to provide financial aid to all students. Some rely on loans, savings and part-time jobs during their graduate education.

If you wish to be considered for any type of financial aid administered through this department, you must fill out and return the attached application form.

Some types of departmental and university financial aid are awarded based on student financial need as determined by a FAFSA analysis of need. Information about FAFSA and on-line access to the FAFSA form are available on the UNM Student Financial Aid office website at <http://financialaid.unm.edu/index.html>. A FAFSA must be completed in order to be considered for any financial aid awarded on the basis of unmet financial need.

Additional information about scholarships, loans and other sources of support can be obtained from the UNM Office of Graduate Studies: <http://grad.unm.edu/funding/> or (505) 277-2711.

We strongly encourage you to complete both the FAFSA and the department financial aid applications so that you can be considered for departmental aid and other financial aid.

If you have any questions after reading this material, please visit the department's website at <http://shs.unm.edu> or call the department at (505) 277-4453.

## A SELECTION OF FUNDING SOURCES

### Graduate Assistantships

Each year the University allocates a sum of money to the department for graduate assistantship (GA) appointments. SHS normally distributes these as quarter-time positions in the spring and fall semesters, requiring 10 hours of work per week. The stipend level is established by the College of Arts & Sciences. The current stipend for a quarter-time position is \$3,117 per semester. In addition to a monthly stipend, assistants receive 6 hours of free tuition (and pay resident rates for remaining hours) and health insurance coverage. Students are appointed for a single semester, but appointments may be renewed. GAs are selected by the faculty or staff member who will supervise them and their duties are determined by that supervisor. At present, we are funding eight quarter-time positions each semester.

### Research and Training Grants

Faculty in the department may receive research or training grants from a variety of funding sources. The faculty member who has received the grant is responsible for recruiting and hiring students to participate in the grant. Other grants are administered outside the department but are open to participation by our students. The duties, stipends and benefits vary depending on the type and scope of the grant.

### Differential Tuition Scholarships

Ten percent of the funds generated by differential tuition is set aside for graduate student assistance. Speech and Hearing Sciences graduate students who have completed their first year in the program and who demonstrate high financial need via FAFSA data are eligible to apply.

### The Richard Hood Scholarship

Originally directed to the support of students in audiology, this scholarship is now used to support an outstanding SHS graduate student in speech-language pathology. The amount of the scholarship depends on donor funding.

### The M.C. Crossman Scholarship

This scholarship provides funds for small/modest scholarships based on merit and need.

### The Bruce Porch Graduate Scholarship

This scholarship is usually directed to a graduate student with a special interest in neurological disorders or reading problems. The recipient is selected in consultation with Dr. Porch. The amount of the scholarship depends on donor funding.

### The Fred Cheist Sr. Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded based on academic ability. The amount of the scholarship depends on donor funding.

### Graduate Fellowships

These awards of \$7,200 per year are intended to support students from groups traditionally underrepresented in graduate education. Applications are made through the Office of Graduate Studies, [www.unm.edu/~grad/](http://www.unm.edu/~grad/).

### **New Mexico Graduate Scholars Award (formerly 3% Scholarship)**

Awarded based on need, these scholarships cover nine hours of tuition and the GPSA fee for the fall and spring semesters for New Mexico residents. Priority will be given to new students, and in order to be considered, a current FAFSA must be on file with UNM Financial Aid.

### **Allied Health Loan-for-Service**

This program pays tuition or provides assistance in paying student loans for students in healthcare professions who agree to work in various sites in New Mexico following graduation. Contact the NM Higher Education Department, <http://www.hed.state.nm.us/> for an application and information.

### **Center for Academic Progress Support**

The center, on the third floor of Zimmerman Library, employs tutors in most subject areas. You must have received an A or B in the course for which you will tutor. See <http://caps.unm.edu/> for more information.

### **Work Study**

This federally-subsidized program is awarded based on need, and work study students are hired by many campus units. Application must be made through the UNM Office of Student Financial Aid.

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# APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIPS, ASSISTANTSHIPS AND OTHER FINANCIAL AID

*Department of Speech & Hearing Sciences  
The University of New Mexico*

Deadline: February 1st

This application may be uploaded to the ApplyYourself system for new graduate applicants;  
everyone else should send it to the Department at:

**Speech and Hearing Sciences Department**

**Financial Aid Application**

**1700 Lomas Blvd Suite 1300**

**Albuquerque, NM 87106**

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First

2. Address \_\_\_\_\_

3. Telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Banner (UNM) ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

4. Check one to indicate status during semester for which you are applying for financial aid:

New Graduate

Continuing Graduate

Graduate internship Semester (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Academic year applying for \_\_\_\_\_

5. Residency: (Please check)

New Mexico resident \_\_\_\_\_

Non-resident \_\_\_\_\_

Non-resident paying resident tuition \_\_\_\_\_

6. List assistantships/scholarships that have been awarded to you and those for which you have applied that may be in effect during the period of this application:

| Name of Award | Year(s) Funded | Amount |
|---------------|----------------|--------|
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- a.
- b.
- c.

7. Indicate the types of financial aid in which you are interested:

- \_\_\_\_\_ a. Scholarships (awards that do not require work commitment)
- \_\_\_\_\_ b. Assistantships (awards include a work commitment that is usually 10 hrs/week)\*
- \_\_\_\_\_ c. Hourly student employment
- \_\_\_\_\_ d. Work Study (attach copy of application eligibility submitted to UNM Financial Aid Office)

*\*Graduate students only*

8. Do you have a special interest in any of the following areas:

- \_\_\_\_\_ AAC      \_\_\_\_\_ Bilingual SLP      \_\_\_\_\_ Multicultural consideration in SLP      \_\_\_\_\_ Fluency/Stuttering
- \_\_\_\_\_ Neurogenics/motor speech disorders      \_\_\_\_\_ Voice      \_\_\_\_\_ Swallowing      \_\_\_\_\_ Child Language
- \_\_\_\_\_ Office work in department/clinic      \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Are you fluent in another language? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, specify: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Do you have any special skills or experience? \_\_\_\_\_

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11. Are you a member of any of the following groups? Answer not required. However, some awards require membership in one of these groups.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Native American      \_\_\_\_\_ Hispanic      \_\_\_\_\_ Asian      \_\_\_\_\_ African American      \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

12. Have you filed, or do you intend to file, a FAFSA? \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_no \_\_\_not sure

This will help us determine if you are eligible for certain need-based funding.

**A complete scholarship application must include the following:**

- A brief statement expressing your education goals, personal philosophy and motivation for applying for a scholarship.

- A list of your student organization(s), extra-curricular activities, volunteer and community service experiences.