

**University of Rhode Island
College of Nursing**

**Types of Financial Assistance Available to
Graduate Students in Nursing**

1. Graduate Assistantships:

Graduate assistantships are awarded to full-time graduate students to provide them with research or teaching experience. The assistantship involves a 20-hour commitment per week with a faculty member on individual or college level research or educational projects (including supervision of undergraduate students in the nursing lab). Graduate assistants' stipends are set by the University annually. In addition, tuition and the registration fee are remitted for 12 credits in each semester of the academic year of the appointment. The student is responsible for the remaining fees.

Being a graduate assistant is particularly valuable for students who are planning on a teaching and research career in nursing. This is an opportunity to work with faculty who are actively engaged in nursing research, while developing one's familiarity with and expertise in various phases of the research process. [Applications](#) should be submitted by April 15th to the Director of Graduate Studies in Nursing, or at the time of admission.

2. Advanced Education Nursing Traineeships:

A limited number of Advanced Education Nursing Traineeships are usually available, depending on Federal Government support. [Applications](#) may be obtained from the Graduate Secretary, and on completion returned to the Director of Graduate Studies in Nursing. Traineeships provide for the tuition and fees for full-time study. Appointments are announced around the end of July, once confirmation of funding has been received from the U.S. Public Health Service.

3. Tuition Scholarships:

A limited number of [tuition scholarships](#) (covering tuition and registration fees) are awarded by the Dean of the Graduate School to qualified full-time and part-time masters and doctoral students demonstrating need of financial assistance. Selections are made by the Graduate School Committee on Fellowships and Scholarships from ranked lists of nominees submitted by the Director of Graduate Studies in Nursing and other department chairpersons. Applications may be obtained from the Graduate School Office and on completion returned to the Director of Graduate Studies in Nursing. Applications are usually due at the end of January for the following academic year.

4. Fellowships:

[Fellowships](#) are awarded to doctoral students in recognition of achievement and promise as scholars. They are intended to enable students to pursue doctoral work and research without rendering any service to the University.

Graduate fellows are required to be full-time students and may not engage in additional remunerative work without specific advance approval of the Dean of Graduate School. Stipends vary with the nature and tenure of each fellowship. In most instances, fellows have tuition and fees remitted by the University. All fellowships are administered by the Dean or Associate Dean of the Graduate School. Fellows are selected from lists of nominees submitted by the department chairmen. Students are advised to request nomination for these awards to the Dean. Applications are usually due at the end of January for the following academic year.

A limited number of University of Rhode Island Graduate Fellowships are awarded each year to promising students in doctoral programs. This award covers tuition and registration fee and provides a stipend which is set by the University annually. Students are responsible for the remaining fees. Completed applications are generally due at the end of January for the following academic year.

5. National Research Service Awards In Nursing:

This award is provided by the [National Center for Nursing Research](#), Institutes of Health for research training at the doctoral level. [Information](#) and application packages ([PHS 416-1](#)) can also be obtained by writing to:

**Office of Grants Inquiries
Division of Research Grants
Westwood Building
Room 449, National Institutes of Health
Bethesda, MD 20892
(301) 496-7441 - telephone**

Your faculty adviser in the College of Nursing will be glad to guide you in completing the application. If you care to apply prior to admission, please contact the Director of Graduate Studies in Nursing.

6. Loans:

Loans are available for qualified students. For information contact the [Student Financial Aid Office](#) in the Office of Enrollment Services, Green Hall, which administers them.

7. Veterans' Benefits:

[Veterans'](#) benefits information may be obtained from the Veterans' Liaison Officer in the Office of Enrollment Services.