

## Financial Assistance

**Research assistantships:** Financial support is available to qualified students in the form of a graduate research assistantship. A full-time assistantship involves 20 hours per week of work for one or more faculty members. The stipend is typically \$7,500 for the academic year (\$3,750 per semester). Enhanced assistantships of \$8,500 per year are available to a limited number of qualified students who work with faculty affiliated with major research institutes at ECU. (See the *Graduate Handbook* for more details.)

**Graduate Scholar Award:** Students with an overall GPA over 3.4 and a combined GRE score (on all three parts) over 1800 are eligible for a Graduate Scholar Award. The award provides up to \$3,000 per year for two years. Eligible applicants who wish to be considered for this award should notify the department's Director of Graduate Students, who will file an application on the student's behalf. Generally, applications for the award must be filed no later than April 15.

**Out-of-state tuition waivers:** A limited number of waivers are available to highly qualified out-of-state students. A waiver allows the student to pay in-state tuition rates.

**Need-based or other financial assistance:** Students who wish to apply for need-based or other types of financial assistance should contact the university's Office of Student Financial Aid. Phone: 252-328-6610. E-mail: [faques@ecu.edu](mailto:faques@ecu.edu). Website: <http://www.ecu.edu/financial>.