



**UNC CHARLOTTE GRADUATE SCHOOL
FACT SHEET**

VETERAN GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

The Graduate School supports efforts to recruit exceptionally talented military veterans to graduate programs at UNC Charlotte. Veteran Graduate Assistantships (teaching or research) provide two years of a stipend, resident tuition support and health insurance to select, newly admitted graduate students (doctoral or master's). Students must be nominated by their Graduate Program Director.

Details:

- Open to military veterans from any branch of service with an Honorable Discharge admitted to any Master's or Doctoral degree program.
- Student must be newly admitted to a graduate program at UNC Charlotte but not yet enrolled (first-year student).
- Award begins with the fall semester.
- Assistantship is served with the recipient's home department.
- Up to three competitive awards will be made each year.
- For doctoral students the funding will be \$18,000 for 9 months, and for master's students \$12,000 for 9 months.
- Recipients are eligible to receive tuition awards for resident tuition support plus health insurance if needed (the Graduate School and Veteran Services Office will work with each recipient to align the award with VA benefits to ensure the best combination for the student).
- Students must register for a minimum of 6 graduate credit hours in each term the assistantship is in effect and maintain satisfactory progress toward the degree to remain eligible.
- The assistantship will be in place for two years, after which the department or program of study must provide funding as necessary. A third year for a master's student may be negotiated if needed to complete the degree. After the second year, doctoral programs are expected to provide continuing support (assistantship or fellowship) to the recipient as long as the student is making satisfactory progress toward the degree (full-time enrollment with a minimum grade point average of 3.00). The Graduate School will commit to continuing resident tuition and health insurance awards for an additional three years.
- Graduate Program Director recommends veteran student for award after student has been accepted into the program; Graduate School committee reviews applicants and selects up to three recipients each year.