

Florida State University College of Social Work  
Doctoral Program Financial Support

Assistantships

The College of Social Work provides funding to students for the first three calendar years of their education (from the beginning of the fall semester of the first year through the end of the summer semester of the third year). The College pays for up to twelve (12) credit hours of students' tuition fall and spring and up to nine (9) credit hours during the summer. The College also provides an assistantship of \$15,000 per calendar year. Continued funding of the stipend at the level offer is contingent upon University allocations, satisfactory student performance, and maintenance of full-time enrollment. The College aids students in obtaining scholarships, fellowships, and dissertation funding. By their third year in the program, students may be eligible to teach independently and can be hired to teach courses while they finish their dissertation work.

College of Social Work Scholarships

The College of Social Work awards numerous [scholarships](#) to incoming and current social work students each year. The following opportunities are specifically targeted to doctoral students:

**Dianne F. Harrison Scholarship Best Doctoral Dissertation Prospectus**

The Dianne F. Harrison Scholarship is awarded annually to a Ph.D. student at the College of Social Work for authoring the "Best Dissertation Prospectus". The scholarship consists of a cash award of \$500.00. The recipient is announced at the College's Spring Convocation Ceremony.

**Walter W. Hudson Doctoral Scholarship**

This scholarship honors Dr. Walter Hudson, a former faculty member who was named the first recipient of the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award from the Society of Social Work and Research in 1999. The scholarship, in the amount of \$2,000, is awarded annually.

**Robert P. Hurre Doctoral Scholarship**

The Robert P. Hurre Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 is awarded annually to an incoming full-time doctoral student. Priority is given to students who are particularly interested in special needs of the aged or those having an interest in working with the U.S. military. Recipients are selected by the doctoral program director.

Florida State University Graduate School Scholarships

The Florida State University [Graduate School](#) offers several scholarships with generous support for doctoral students. Many social work doctoral students have been awarded these scholarships. Two social work doctoral students received the Legacy Scholarship, which provides \$10,000 per year plus tuition over five years. Another student received the Wilson-Auzenne Scholarship, which provides a \$5,000 stipend for eligible minority students.

## External Funding

Doctoral students can apply for funding (e.g., fellowships, scholarships, research awards) outside of FSU to support their coursework and their dissertation studies. Students typically work with their Major Professors to pursue these opportunities with the support of the College's Institute for Social Work Research staff. Examples of foundation and government external funding agencies include the Hartford Foundation, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, National Institute of Mental Health, and the National Institute on Aging.