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Funding Your Graduate Education

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Virginia Tuition Assistance Grant (VTAG)

for Domiciled Virginia Residents
Pursuing Graduate Degrees in Health-Related Professions

- Eligible Hampton programs include **Communicative Sciences & Disorders, Nursing, Pharmacy, and Physical Therapy**
- **2026–27 award: $12,500 annually / $6,250 per semester**
- Additional **$500 teacher bonus** may apply for eligible students
- Priority application deadline: **September 15**
- Applications submitted after September 15 and by December 1 may be considered if funds remain available
- Apply through Hampton University's **Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships**

Learn more:

https://www.schev.edu/financial-aid/financial-aid/federal-state-financial-aid/virginia-tuition-assistance-grant-program

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NEW! STEM Doctoral Fellowships

- **New Title III HBGI Funding for 2026–27**
- **Five funded Ph.D. positions** in Physics, Atmospheric Science, and Planetary Science
- Approximately **$34,000–$35,000 annual stipend**
- **Tuition and fees covered**
- Available for students entering in **Spring or Summer 2027**
- **U.S. citizenship required**
- Designed to support doctoral research, persistence, and degree completion
- **Programs:**
  Ph.D. in Physics
  Ph.D. in Atmospheric Science
  Ph.D. in Planetary Science

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Department of Physics
Research Assistantships

- Research assistantships may provide approximately **$33,000 per year in stipend support**
- Tuition and fees may also be covered
- Funding comes from individual faculty research grants
- Opportunities allow graduate students to participate directly in externally funded research
- **Programs:** M.S. and Ph.D. in Physics
- **Important:** Funding varies by research grant and is not guaranteed for newly admitted students.

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Atmospheric & Planetary Science Research Assistantships

- Graduate research opportunities supported by **NASA, NOAA, NSF, ONR, the Department of War, and other sponsors**
- Typical funded positions provide approximately **$34,000 per year in stipend support**
- Students participate in nationally significant atmospheric and planetary science research
- Additional fellowship and conference opportunities are available to competitive students

- **Program:** M.S. and Ph.D. in Atmospheric Science
  M.S. and Ph.D. in Planetary Science

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Marine & Environmental Science: Fully Funded Graduate Study

- **All current M.S. students in Marine & Environmental Science receive funding support.** Each faculty member has funding from their grants.
- NOAA Living Marine Resources Cooperative Science Center assistantships provide **in-state tuition and fees plus a $30,000 annual stipend**
- Graduate students work alongside faculty on marine, coastal, environmental, and climate-related research
- Hampton's new **Living Shoreline course** pairs graduate and undergraduate students in hands-on coastal restoration work
- Opportunities include field research, professional development, and collaboration with federal and regional partners

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Nurse Faculty Loan Program

- Supports graduate nursing students preparing for careers as **nurse educators**
- Awards may cover **tuition, fees, books, and other eligible educational expenses**
- Up to **85% of the loan may be cancelled**, including interest, in exchange for qualifying full-time employment as nurse faculty after graduation
- A strong option for students interested in combining advanced nursing practice with teaching and academic leadership
- **Programs:**
  M.S. in Nursing
  Ph.D. in Nursing

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Dr. Sallie Tucker Allen Endowed Scholarship in Nursing

CRITERIA:

- A well-deserving graduate student in the School of Nursing with financial need.
- While need may be a factor in the selection of the recipient, weight will be given to academic achievement and leadership potential.
- The graduate student may be a first-year graduate student provided that the student is a graduate of Hampton University, or a graduate student who has completed the first year in the graduate program at Hampton University.
- The grantors encourage the trustee to seek students who have shown an ability in research and writing.
- Extension of the scholarship in subsequent years to the same individual is possible if a 3.0 GPA is maintained.

- **Programs:**
  M.S. in Nursing

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Stephen J. Wright Endowed Scholarship

CRITERIA:

- The scholarship recognizes academic excellence of a student pursuing an advanced degree in **education**. It is named after Stephen Junius Wright, Jr., a former professor of education at Hampton, who later served as dean of the faculty and went on to serve as president of Bluefield State College in West Virginia and later as the seventh president of Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee from 1957 to 1966. He was also the president of the United Negro College Fund.

- **Amount:** $1K

- Programs:
  M.T. (Master of Teaching)

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Communicative Sciences & Disorders: Graduate Funding Opportunities

- Graduate students may be eligible for support through **federal training grants, departmental assistantships, and other program-based funding**
- Hampton's federally supported training initiatives strengthen preparation in speech-language pathology, mentoring, professional development, and culturally responsive practice
- Funding opportunities may include **tuition support, stipends, and departmental assistantships**
- Students also benefit from a nationally recognized program with strong professional placement outcomes
- **Program:** M.A. in Communicative Sciences & Disorders

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Scholarship for Service – Computer Science

- **NSF Scholarship for Service** opportunities support students preparing for cybersecurity and public-service careers
- Funding may include substantial educational support in exchange for qualifying government service after graduation
- Students gain access to cybersecurity education, professional development, and pathways into federal service
- **Program:** M.S. in Computer Science

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•5-Year MBA: Graduate Assistantship and Career Preparation

- Available **only to current Hampton University undergraduate students** pursuing the accelerated 5-Year MBA pathway
- Graduate assistantship support may include **tuition remission of up to 80% of 9 credit hours**
- **Stipend support may also be available**
- Hampton's accelerated MBA emphasizes corporate engagement, professional networking, internships, and leadership development
- The program reports **very strong placement outcomes**, including a reported **100% employment/internship rate**
- **Program:** 5-Year MBA

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M.S. in Engineering Entrepreneurship — PEAR NSF Traineeship

- **Full tuition coverage** for the duration of the M.S. program
- **Graduate stipend support** available through the traineeship
- Funding available during **2026–2029**
- 30-credit, practice-driven program combining engineering, entrepreneurship, innovation, and venture development
- Includes cross-institutional learning through the NSF-NRT PEAR initiative
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Doctor of Physical Therapy Scholarship Opportunities

- **Access and Opportunity Scholarship Fund Award**
  - Recognizes academic excellence, professionalism, leadership, and service
  - Supports students from underrepresented backgrounds pursuing physical therapy careers
- **Health Professions Scholarship Program**
  - Available through the **U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force**
  - May provide tuition assistance and other educational benefits in exchange for qualifying service after graduation
- **Crest Scholarship**
  - Awarded by the **Rizing Tide Foundation**
  - Supports eligible first- and second-year DPT students

- **Program**: Department of Physical Therapy
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Graduate Assistantships at Hampton University

Each year, HU offers approximately 37 Graduate Assistantships (GAs) to graduate students. Typically, these offer tuition remission of up to 80% of the first 9 credit hours and a small monthly stipend. These include:

- Residence Life (includes **room and board)**
- Student Counseling
- Harvey Library
- Writing Center
- Academic departments
- Research programs
- Physical Therapy

Note: Graduate assistantships are **not guaranteed with admission**.

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Work Study and Other Campus Employment

- Federal Work-Study may be available to eligible graduate students
- Typical work-study appointments are **up to 15 hours per week at $12 per hour**
- Campus employment can provide additional financial support while helping students build professional experience
- Availability depends on financial-aid eligibility, funding, and available positions
- Students should complete the **FAFSA** and work directly with the Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships

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Funding Graduate Education: Start Early

- **Complete the FAFSA at StudentAid.gov**
- **Complete the VTAG application if eligible: home.hamptonu.edu/financialaid/forms/.**
- Ask your graduate program about **assistantships, traineeships, fellowships, and research funding**
- Apply for **Hampton University and external scholarships**
- Watch carefully for **separate funding deadlines**
- Contact faculty and program coordinators early — many funding opportunities are tied directly to departments or research grants
- Stay in close contact with the **Graduate College and Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships**
- **Graduate College: hugrad@hamptonu.edu; 757-727-5454**
- **Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships: financialaid@hamptonu.edu**

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Thank you!

