

## 2020 Marian Drane Graham Scholars Program

The Marian Drane Graham Scholars Program is an eight-week immersive and experiential summer program designed to provide students the opportunity to develop leadership skills and gain a better understanding of key issues facing public higher education. The program is open to rising juniors and seniors attending one of the sixteen constituent institutions of higher education in the University of North Carolina. Scholars will be mentored by UNC leadership, spend time in the UNC System offices in Chapel Hill, NC, travel to UNC campuses, visit with key NC policy leaders and elected officials in North Carolina and Washington, DC.

Scholars will also have the opportunity to work in a state government agency approximately thirty-two hours per week to further their knowledge of how higher education impacts the state of North Carolina. Finally, the Scholars will work on and present a capstone project on a topic of their choosing with the approval of the program supervisor. Through these experiences, it is anticipated that each scholar will develop a deep appreciation for the complexities of higher education and state government.

The position carries a stipend of \$2400 and housing.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities for Internship Placement:

- Strong project management or organizational skills;
- Research, editing, and proofreading skills;
- Ability to work as a team where ongoing collaboration is a must;
- Ability to handle multiple projects and deal with uncertainty;
- Ability to contribute individually and participate in cross-functional teams.

Students from all academic disciplines are encouraged to apply, but applicants must meet the following minimum criteria:

- Be a rising junior or senior pursuing their bachelor's degree from a constituent institution within the University of North Carolina with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0;
- Have the ability and discipline to follow through with the development of a capstone project; more details will be provided at a later date;
- Have a passion for how higher education in North Carolina relates to our future, to local and federal government policy, the military, financial aid, and/or economic development;
- Be willing and able to live in apartment-style housing on the campus of North Carolina State University in Raleigh, NC, for eight weeks beginning in May.

\*Please [apply here](#) and provide a cover letter, resume, unofficial transcripts, and reference letter to Kimberly Mitchell, Director of Student Development and Association of Student Government Advisor at [MDG@northcarolina.edu](mailto:MDG@northcarolina.edu) no later than February 5, 2020.

Candidates chosen for an interview will be notified the end of February. Interviews will take place the beginning of March and scholars will be selected and notified the beginning of March 2020.

The anticipated program dates are May 17, 2020 through July 10, 2020.