

# Finance & Funding Webinar

*for Bryan School Master's and Certificate Programs*



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# Information Resources

- This webinar was created by the Bryan Graduate Recruitment Team as a resource for students interested in master's and certificate programs.
- Today's presentation will focus on finance and funding options used by current Bryan graduate students
- For more information or details about the resources discussed, please reach out to the contacts listed on each slide



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# About the Bryan School

**3,313**

Undergraduate

**697**

Graduate

**34%**

of undergraduate students are 1st generation students

**70%**

of students have a full-time or part-time job

**94%**

of students are from NC

**36%**

of students are enrolled in online programs

**48%**

of undergraduate students are eligible for Federal Pell Grants

**29,000+**

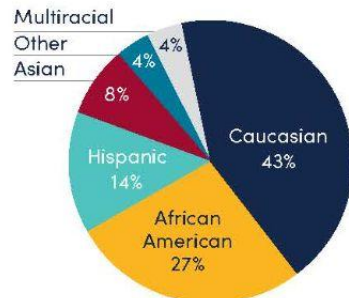
alumni with 72% residing in NC



UNC Greensboro is a designated Minority Serving Institution.

The Bryan School graduates more African American undergraduate business students than any other business school in North Carolina.

UNCG was ranked #1 in N.C. for social mobility by U.S. News & World Report in 2021.



Fall 2021 Bryan School Enrollment



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# Recent Rankings

#2

On Campus MBA in U.S. - Greatest  
Resources for Minority Students  
Princeton Review, 2022

#34

Best Online Graduate IT Program  
in the U.S.  
U.S. News, 2021

#48

Best Online MBA in the U.S.  
The Princeton Review, 2021

#2

Best Online Master's in Business  
in North Carolina (*Non-MBA*)  
U.S. News, 2022



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# Academic Programs & Leadership



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**Jess  
Bankhead**  
*Program Director*



**Dr. Jin  
Su**  
*Program Director*



**Dr. Dora  
Gicheva**  
*Program Director*



**Dr. Vladislav  
Maksimov**  
*Program Director*

**MBA**

***Graduate Certificate:***  
Business Foundations

**MS in IT &  
Management**

***Graduate Certificates:***  
Business Analytics  
Cyber Security  
Enterprise Resource  
Planning  
IT Management  
IT Development  
Supply Chain  
Management

**MS in Accounting**

***Graduate Certificate:***  
Taxation

**MS in Retail Studies**

***Graduate Certificates:***  
Global Fashion Industry  
Management  
Retail Merchandising  
Management  
Retail and Consumer  
Data Analytics

**MA in Applied  
Economics**

***Graduate Certificates:***  
Economics of Health  
Analytics  
Quantitative Business  
Economics

**NOTE: ONLY  
AVAILABLE ONLINE**

**MS in International  
Business**

***Graduate Certificate:***  
Global Leadership &  
Strategy

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# Graduate Student Ambassadors



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# Other Upcoming Events

Application  
Webinars

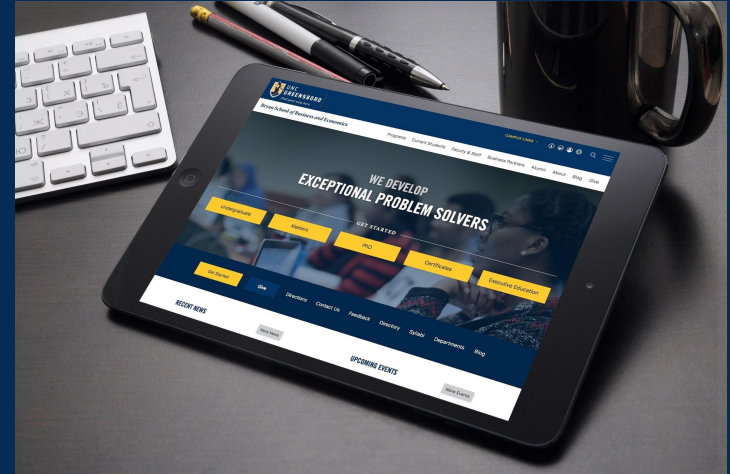
Topic-Based  
Webinars

One-on-One  
Meetings

Recruiter Q & A  
Sessions

Attend & earn an  
application fee  
waiver

Virtual Info  
Sessions



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# Spartan Central

- Primary source of information for UNC Greensboro students

Tuition Rates & Fees

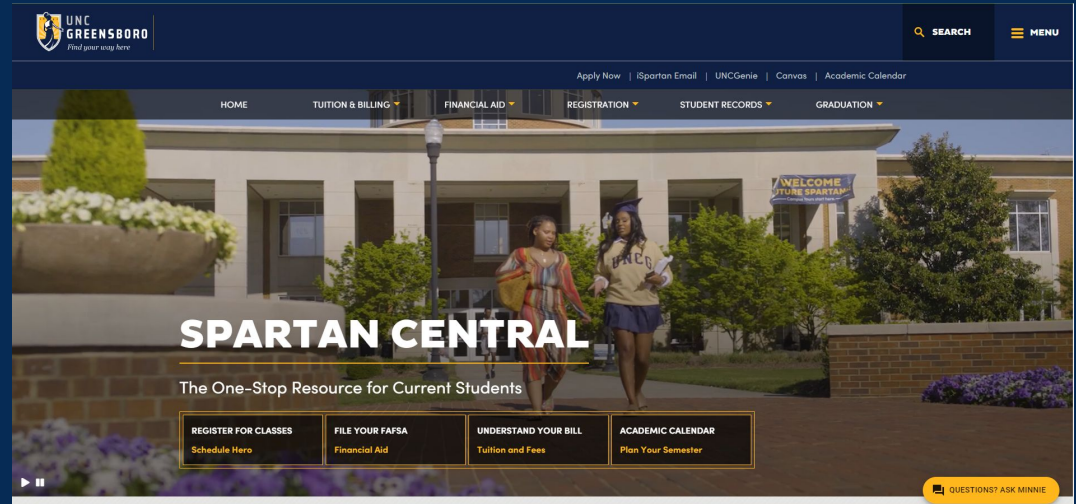
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Course Registration

Academic Calendars

Financial Aid Options

Visa Requirements



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# Estimated Program Costs

Estimated program costs can be found on your program's webpage:

[bryan.uncg.edu/programs](https://bryan.uncg.edu/programs)

- *Select Program*
- *Then click Program Costs*

The screenshot shows the Bryan School of Business and Economics website. The main heading is 'PROGRAM COSTS' with the subtitle 'The UNC MBA'. Below this, there is a navigation bar with links: Program Overview, Program Costs, Curriculum, Admissions, Fellowships & Assistantships, Student Ambassadors, and an 'Apply Now' button. The 'Program Costs' section is active. It contains a table titled 'MBA Program - On Campus (with Online options)' which is circled in red. The table lists estimated program costs for full-time and part-time study, broken down by in-state and out-of-state students. To the right of the table is a 'Request More Information' form with fields for First Name, Last Name, Email, and a dropdown for 'When would you ideally enroll?'. Below the form is a 'Submit' button and a note about the Privacy Policy.

MBA Program - On Campus (with Online options)				
	Full-time study for 2 yrs		Part-time study for 2½ yrs	
	Estimated Program Cost	Per Credit Hour	Estimated Program Cost	Per Credit Hour
In-State	\$27,000	\$600.00	\$25,000	\$555.56
Out-of-State	\$60,500	\$1,344.44	\$56,000	\$1,244.44

MBA Program - Online Only

	Full-time study for 2 yrs		Part-time study for 2½ yrs	
	Estimated Program Cost	Per Credit Hour	Estimated Program Cost	Per Credit Hour



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# Estimated Costs by Program

## MS in Retail Studies

	<i>Total Program</i>	<i>Per Semester</i>
Estimated Cost of Tuition and Fees	\$41,000	\$10,250

Assumes 2 yrs of full-time, on-campus study

## MS in IT & Management

	<i>Total Program</i>	<i>Per Semester</i>
Estimated Cost of Tuition and Fees	\$39,000	\$9,750

Assumes 1 ½ yrs of full-time, on-campus study

## MBA

	<i>Total Program</i>	<i>Per Semester</i>
Estimated Cost of Tuition and Fees	\$62,000	\$15,500

Assumes 2 yrs of full-time, on-campus study

## MS in Accounting

	<i>Total Program</i>	<i>Per Semester</i>
Estimated Cost of Tuition and Fees	\$48,500	\$12,125

Assumes 1 ½ yrs of full-time, on-campus study



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# Tuition Rate Categories

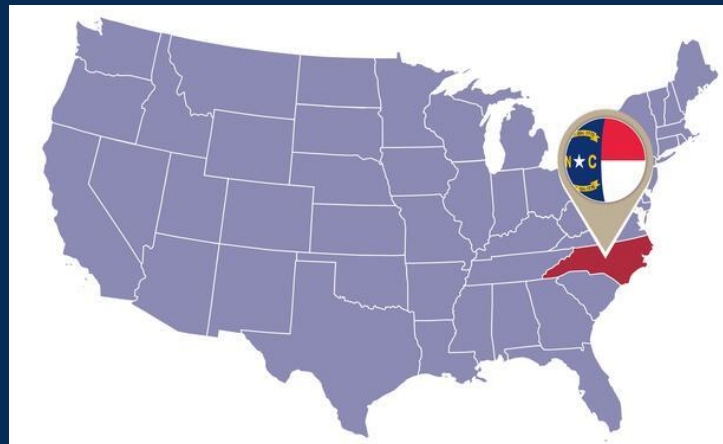
- The state of North Carolina partially subsidized tuition costs for residents is in NC.

- Tuition Rate Categories:

In-State | **Out-of-State** | Out-of-NC

*International students with F-1 visas typically pay the Out-of-State tuition rate*

- Residency status is determined by **NC Residency Determination Service**



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# More About Tuition Rates

- **Out-of-State** students can request **Out-of-NC** tuition rates if they are:
  - enrolled in an online program,
  - physically residing outside of North Carolina, and
  - legally classified as an out-of-state student (non-NC residents)



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[csh.uncg.edu](http://csh.uncg.edu)

# Fee Bills & Timeline

Your fee bill will only include tuition and fees *for enrolled courses*

## APPROXIMATE TIMELINE FOR NEW GRADUATE STUDENTS

	Fall Enrollment	Spring Enrollment	Summer Enrollment
Course Registration	<i>Begins late April</i>	<i>Begins mid-November</i>	<i>Begins mid-February</i>
Fee Bills Sent	<i>Begins early July</i>	<i>Begins mid-November</i>	<i>Begins mid-April</i>
Payment Due	<i>Early August</i>	<i>Early January</i>	<i>Early May</i>

Fee bills are posted to UNCGenie ([ssb.uncg.edu](http://ssb.uncg.edu)) which is accessible to admitted students. Login instructions will be included in your program welcome email.



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# Tuition & Billing Contact

UNCG Cashiers & Student Accounts Office

Available Monday through Friday

8:00 am - 5:00 pm (EST)

336-334-5831 or [cashier@uncg.edu](mailto:cashier@uncg.edu)



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# Housing & Living Expenses

Estimated Annual Costs	
Housing	\$8,200
Health Insurance	\$800 - \$2,800
Unlimited Meal Plan	\$4,200
Total	\$13,200 - \$15,200

Learn more about meal plan options by visiting the [SpartanCard website](#).



Learn more about graduate student housing options by visiting the [Housing & Residence Life website](#)



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# Visa Process

## International Student and Scholar Services

M-F 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (EST)

336-334-5404 | [iss@uncg.edu](mailto:iss@uncg.edu)

[Virtual appointments](#)

- Visa Process Outline:

<https://international.uncg.edu/international-students-and-scholars/obtaining-or-renewing-your-visa/>

- Required Documents:

Graduate Financial Certificate + Bank Statement + Affidavit of Support + Passport Copy

To obtain your form I-20 and to request a student visa, you must certify that you have available financial resources to support a full course of study for one academic year. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security requires that a student be enrolled full-time to maintain student status.

Total Minimum Budget (2023): **\$41,283**



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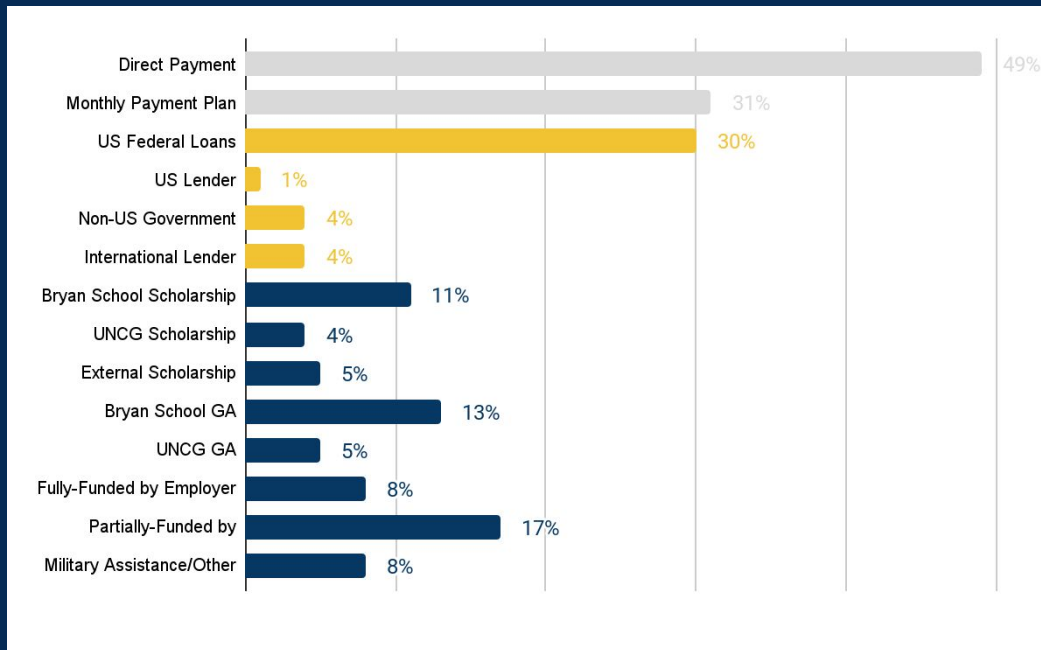
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# Finance and Funding Options

*used by current Bryan graduate students*



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# Direct Payment

- Credit Card
- Electronic Check (*bank draft*)
- Mail (*checks and money orders*)
- In-Person (*cash, check and money order payments*)
- International bank transfer



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# Monthly Payment Plans

- Payment Plan Options:
  - 5 payments - *Requires 20% deposit*
  - 4 payments - *Requires 25% deposit*
  - 3 payments - *Requires 33% deposit*

*All options have \$35 set up fee*

*Monthly Payment Plans can also be used by students with graduate assistantships.*



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# Employer Contributions

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- Some employers offer full or partial tuition benefits
- Selected current and past employers:

Arch MI

Cone Health

Truist

MetLife

Renfro Brands

Charter Communications

Deloitte

First National Bank of PA

NC A&T

TE Connectivity

GXO Logistics, Inc.

HanesBrands

Johnson & Johnson

NC SECU

WFMY News 2

- *Employer-sponsored students may be able to defer payment of a balance covered by the third party.*



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# Private Loans

- Does not require FAFSA
- Credit-based loans offered by private lenders to help students finance their degree program.
  - Usually require a good credit history and/or a co-signer
  - Can be more costly than federal education loans
  - Limited options for international students

# UNCG Funding Partner for International Students

866-533-3304

[info@prodigyfinance.com](mailto:info@prodigyfinance.com)

[prodigyfinance.com](http://prodigyfinance.com)

- Prodigy Finance: *for international students enrolled in full time, on campus programs*
- Approved Bryan graduate programs:
  - MBA**
  - MBA/MSN**
  - MS in IT Management**
  - MS in Accounting**
- No cosigner or collateral required
- Loans can be used for tuition and living expenses
- Once admitted, complete their **online application**



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# Other Loan Options for International Students

Most student loan issuers will require a U.S. citizen to co-sign on your loan application. A co-signer would ultimately be responsible for repaying your student loan should you default on payments. Make sure you discuss your options thoroughly with a trusted friend or family member before applying for student loans.

- Access Group: [lending.accessgroup.org](https://lending.accessgroup.org)
- Sallie Mae: [salliemae.com](https://salliemae.com)
- American Education Services: [aessuccess.org](https://aessuccess.org)
- Wells Fargo: [wellsfargo.com](https://wellsfargo.com)



# Scholarships

- Scholarship opportunities are **limited** and **highly competitive**
- **All incoming students** are considered for scholarships based on their graduate program application.

**Fall 2023 Priority Application Deadline: March 1**

- Scholarship decisions are made **after admissions decisions** and notifications are sent throughout the year
- Scholarships range from \$500 - \$2,500

*After completing their first semester, returning students use the Spartan Scholarship System (S3) → [uncg.academicworks.com](https://uncg.academicworks.com)*



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# Bryan School Graduate Assistantships (GAs)

Opportunity to earn a stipend by working on campus  
up to 18 hours/week

*Example positions: Research Assistant, Marketing/Recruitment  
Assistant, Administrative Assistant*

**AVERAGE STIPEND:** \$3,500 per semester

These positions are ***limited*** and ***highly competitive***  
**Fall Priority Application Deadline: March 1**

NOTE: Bryan School graduate assistantship decisions are made ***after admissions decisions*** and notifications are sent throughout the year.

**2022-2023 Bryan School  
Graduate Assistantships**

**210** Requested

**28** Awarded\*

*\*including returning students*

For Bryan School GA's  
→ Apply through program  
application

For UNCG GA's  
→ After admission, apply through  
Spartan Talent

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# Other Employment Opportunities

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- On-Campus Employment

International students are also eligible to work in student-facing, on campus positions

→ Apply through Spartan Talent: [spartantalent.uncg.edu](https://spartantalent.uncg.edu)

→ Apply through Handshake: [handshake.uncg.edu](https://handshake.uncg.edu) (*hourly positions*)

*Example positions: Admin. Support Associate    Tech Support Technician    Shuttle Bus Driver*

- Off-Campus Employment

After one year of enrollment, international students may also be eligible for off-campus employment. More information is available on [IPC website](#)



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# External Scholarships

- Your Country's Embassy
- Your Country's Over-Seas Educational Advisors (OSEAS)

<https://educationusa.state.gov/find-advising-center>

- American Communities Affiliated with your Country

<https://uncg.campuslabs.com/engage/organizations>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/uncg1891> Twitter: <http://twitter.com/uncg>

- American Professional and Trade Associations

Complete listing of professional and trade associations in the U.S.:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_industry\\_trade\\_groups\\_in\\_the\\_United\\_States](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_industry_trade_groups_in_the_United_States)

**[\[Download the Scholarship & Funding Search Guide from IPC\]](#)**



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fastWEB! [fastweb.com](https://fastweb.com)

Peterson's CollegeQuest  
[petersons.com/college-search.aspx](https://petersons.com/college-search.aspx)

CollegeNET MACH25  
[collegenet.com/mach25/app](https://collegenet.com/mach25/app)

College Board  
[bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college](https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college)

Scholarships.com  
[scholarships.com/scholarship-search.aspx](https://scholarships.com/scholarship-search.aspx)

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Funding for Study in The United States  
[fundingusstudy.org](https://fundingusstudy.org)

International Student Voice Magazine [ismag.com](https://ismag.com)

International Student.com  
[internationalstudent.com/scholarships](https://internationalstudent.com/scholarships)

International Scholarships.com  
[internationalscholarships.com](https://internationalscholarships.com)

Iefa.org [iefa.org](https://iefa.org)



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# Advice from Current Students

## Scholarships

*Apply early for as many scholarships as possible. If you submit your application on the day before window closes, your application will still most likely get declined even though it was not late.*

*Apply for scholarships from professional organizations in your chosen field.*

*Apply for every available opportunity. You never know if you will get something unless you apply. As a grad student, I was happily surprised when I received a scholarship from a UNCG donor.*

# Advice from Current Students

## Graduate Assistantships

*Be proactive about cultivating relationships with faculty from your department and maintain excellent grades! These two things open students up to graduate assistantship opportunities which are really helpful in financing grad school.*

*Be sure to get a good understanding of exactly what you are getting from your department beforehand.*

*If you are eligible for an assistantship, how long is it guaranteed (with good performance)?*

*If you are receiving a scholarship, how much is available and if this amount will change based on number of students or if there is preference given to a certain demographic over another?*

*Remember, even though you may never use the resources on campus, you still have to pay all the fees, so account for that.*

# Advice from Current Students

## *UNCG undergraduate students*

*Take advantage of the accelerated master's program for UNCG undergraduate students. It helped me financially because I was paying for one class but the credit applied to both degrees. Another perk is that I get to graduate sooner.*

## *Employer Funding Advice*

*Ask your employer if they will help fund your education.*

*Go to work for an employer who will pay for your education.*



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# Advice from Current Students

## General

*Make a budget and use the payment plan option so the cost isn't a shock to your wallet and savings.*

*Make a plan B in case you do not get the funding you expect.*

*Make a plan for paying tuition and fees before joining the program - it can be a combination of loans, scholarships, or any other means.*

*Explore your health insurance options to save money. I recommend the pay-as-you-go plan. It's a very affordable option!*

*Only borrow what you need, even though it's tempting to borrow the max, you do have to pay it back and it adds up quickly.*

*Loans are not necessarily a bad thing. They can also help supplement funds if you are doing full time classes and can't work full time.*

*Make a plan for textbooks and material costs. Look into potential tax advantages of taking a loan.*

*Calculate your total out-of-pocket expenses for the program so you have a good idea of your costs.*

*Look into available tax credits for out of pocket expenses. The ROI makes going to UNCG sensible. It is a great investment.*

*This is one of the more affordable programs and the classes are excellent.*

# Information Resources

Bryan School Graduate Student Ambassadors:  
[bryan.uncg.edu/bryan-school-graduate-student-ambassadors](https://bryan.uncg.edu/bryan-school-graduate-student-ambassadors)

Bryan Graduate Connections:  
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Spartan Central: [spartancentral.uncg.edu](https://spartancentral.uncg.edu)

Bryan School Academic Programs: [bryan.uncg.edu/programs](https://bryan.uncg.edu/programs)

UNC Genie: [ssb-landing.uncg.edu](https://ssb-landing.uncg.edu)

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UNCG Cashiers Office: [csh.uncg.edu](https://csh.uncg.edu)

UNCG Military-Affiliated Student Services Office:  
[military.uncg.edu](https://military.uncg.edu)

Prodigy Finance:  
[prodigyfinance.com/student-loans](https://prodigyfinance.com/student-loans)

S3 Spartan Scholarship System:  
[uncg.academicworks.com](https://uncg.academicworks.com)

Spartan Talent:  
[spartantalent.uncg.edu](https://spartantalent.uncg.edu)

Handshake:  
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International Programs Center (IPC):  
[international.uncg.edu](https://international.uncg.edu)

[IPC External Scholarship & Funding Search Guide](#)



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