



The North Carolina Principal Fellows Program

Master of School Administration Degree

A competitive, merit-based scholarship loan program funded by the North Carolina General Assembly, the NC Principal Fellows Program assists selected individuals to prepare for a career in school administration (i.e., assistant principal or principal). Each scholarship loan provides funding for up to two years in the amount of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for the 1st year and the equivalent of a beginning assistant principal 10 month salary PLUS \$4,100 for the 2nd year, to support students who enroll in and complete a full-time, two-year master's degree program in school administration at one of the eleven participating institutions of the University of North Carolina. Recipients of the scholarship loan must be willing to practice at an approved site in North Carolina as a full-time administrator for two years for each year of funding (four years) or repay in cash.

The Principal Fellows Program began in 1994. To date, over 1200 Principal Fellows have participated in the program. Principal Fellows enroll in the Master of School Administration (MSA) program offered at eleven campuses of the University of North Carolina. Second year students participate in a required full-time internship in a North Carolina school district. In addition to financial support Fellows receive while they are earning the MSA they also benefit from participating in professional development activities with a focus on leadership development at both individual universities and at the PFP office. The program has received widespread support from school districts that provide sites for interns and employ graduates of the program. The Principal Fellows Program provides a pool of well-trained, highly-qualified administrative candidates available to all North Carolina school systems.

The deadline to apply for the 2014-2015 academic year is **January 15, 2014**. For an application and more information, visit the PFP website: <http://www.ncpfp.org>. If you have questions please contact Director, C. Diane Payne, cdpayne@northcarolina.edu; or Caroline Green, Program Coordinator, cogreen@northcarolina.edu.





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Funded by the North Carolina General Assembly, the North Carolina Principal Fellows Program (PFP) provides a competitive, merit-based scholarship loan to individuals of exceptional academic ability who desire to enter school administration in a North Carolina public school. Financial need is not a criterion for selection as a Principal Fellow.

The goal of the North Carolina Principal Fellows Program is to prepare the most outstanding candidates for full-time school administration in North Carolina. Principal Fellows obtain a Master of School Administration (MSA) degree after completing a one year full-time academic program on campus and a full-time internship at a public school in North Carolina. Fellows also participate in enrichment experiences designed to enhance their preparation for a career as a principal or assistant principal.

Fellows are required to maintain employment as a principal or assistant principal in a public school in North Carolina for four years to repay the scholarship loan.

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- Provides funding in the amount of \$30,000 for the first year and
- The equivalent of a beginning assistant principal's salary plus \$4,100 for tuition and fees in the second year

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For applicant criteria and an application, visit the PFP

Website: <http://www.ncfpf.org>

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