College of Education

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Undergraduate major: B.A.
Undergraduate minors: educational psychology; human relations
Graduate degrees: M.A.; M.A.T.; M.S.; Ed.S.; Ed.D.; Ph.D.
Graduate certificates: applied behavior analysis; institutional research and effectiveness; K-12 equity and inclusion; online teaching
Website: https://education.uiowa.edu/

Financial Support

College of Education students may be eligible for scholarships, awards, or graduate assistantships. Information about financial support for students is available; visit Scholarships on the college's website. The College of Education posts a list of assistantships on its website; see Graduate Student Life.

The Graduate Record Exam (GRE) General Test is currently not required for graduate assistantships, teaching assistantships, or research assistantships in the College of Education.

Students interested in employment opportunities in the college's support units and special resources should contact the director of each facility and indicate their interests, their academic and experience records, and their career or degree goals at the University of Iowa.

Graduate Assistantships

Individual academic programs provide opportunities for teaching, research, or service assistantships as well as for fellowships and related employment opportunities. Inquiries should be addressed to the chair of the department or the director of the program in which students believe they can provide service or achieve an outstanding academic record. Assistantship appointments are usually, but not always, made by the program area.

Special Graduate Research Assistantships in Education

The Iowa Testing Programs provides funds to support a limited number of special graduate assistantships in education, in which students do research work under the direction of a faculty member of their choice. Students must be enrolled for at least 6 s.h. but not more than 12 s.h. per semester; assistantships are for the academic year and are renewable for a limited number of years. Students admitted to or pursuing any advanced degree program offered by the College of Education are eligible to apply, provided they are committed to a professional career in the United States.

Applicants must submit transcripts of all completed college work (undergraduate and graduate), recommendation forms specific to the assistantship, and scores on the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) General Test. For assistantship application forms, contact the Iowa Testing Programs directors.

Application deadline is late February.

Scholarships and Awards

The College of Education presents a number of awards funded by donors; recipients must meet the criteria established by the donors for their awards. Recipients are presented with their award at a spring semester luncheon. For more information, visit Scholarships on the college's website.

Albert and Martha Ruffalo First Generation Education Scholarship: presented to deserving students in the College of Education who are first-generation college students.

Albert Hood Promising Scholar Award: presented to a doctoral student in the Department of Counselor Education and a student in the higher education and student affairs program with an approved prospectus.

Alice and Kendall Atkinson Scholarship: presented to students who are majoring in music education with a passion for community outreach and engagement.

Ann Ramsey and Richard E. Posey Scholarship: presented to a student who is a junior pursuing a career in teaching or education.

Barry Bratton Memorial Award: presented to graduate students who have completed coursework that reflects a commitment to the systematic design and improvement of instructional processes and materials.

Betty Piercy Award: presented to a deserving student in the field of reading.

Beulah A. and Robert L. Darrow Scholarship: presented to deserving students in the College of Education.

Blommers-Hieronymus-Feldt Fellowship: presented to doctoral students in educational measurement and statistics.

C. Esco Obermann Memorial Scholarship: presented to a deserving student in the College of Education.

Carol M. and Ed Stenson Scholarship in Education: presented to undergraduate students pursuing a special education certification or degree in general teacher education who exhibit both financial need and academic merit.

Charlotte and Ruby Junge Scholarship: presented to undergraduate or graduate students in elementary or secondary education who will be student teaching for a full semester.

Dale Grabinski Education Scholarship: presented to deserving undergraduate students in the teacher education program.

Daniel G. Loetscher Memorial Science Education Scholarship: presented to students pursuing secondary education with an emphasis in the sciences, with preference given to those pursuing an emphasis in chemistry.
**David and Connie Belin Honors Award:** presented to graduating seniors who have completed all requirements for the Honors Opportunity Program.

**David and Sheila Bennett Fund for Educational Leadership:** presented to students in the educational leadership program within the Department of Educational Policy and Leadership Studies.

**Debra Clausen Memorial Scholarship:** presented to a graduate student in the College of Education who will work at the Hospital School (now the Center for Disabilities and Development) to evaluate and develop learning programs for students with mental disabilities, including Down Syndrome, or to students pursuing careers in special education.

**Dieckmann, Renken, Rockway Scholarship:** presented to a student pursuing a Ph.D. in science education with secondary preference to a graduate student in science education.

**Dr. Bettye M. Caldwell and Dr. Fred T. Caldwell Scholarship:** presented to undergraduate students interested in pursuing careers in early childhood development, including the fields of education, sociology, psychology, and other related academic programs.

**Dr. Mary Agnella Gunn Memorial Scholarship:** presented to worthy undergraduate or graduate students in education.

**Drs. Andrew and Jeanne Stevenson Scholarship:** presented to students in the College of Education with preference to students studying science education who plan to one day teach science education.

**Duane D. Anderson Memorial Scholarship:** awarded to a transfer student from an Iowa community college who is currently enrolled in a program in the College of Education.

**Edgar M. and Evelyn Benzler Tanruther Scholarship:** presented to undergraduate and/or graduate students in elementary education.

**Emily C. Wagner Scholarship:** presented to an undergraduate student in secondary education with an English education teaching degree who will be student teaching in the academic year following the award, preference for students who are residents of Iowa with a g.p.a. of at least 3.00 and demonstrated financial need.

**Emma E. Holmes Education Scholarship:** presented to an outstanding undergraduate or graduate student in any program in the College of Education; based on merit and need, the recipient must be a U.S. citizen with first preference for a student in the top 20 percent of their class; second preference for a student with demonstrated financial need.

**Ernest L. and Janet M. Yeakey Education Scholarship:** presented to a deserving student in the College of Education with preference given to a student who is from the state of Iowa and pursuing math education.

**Ernest T. Pascarella Military Veteran Promise Award:** presented to a graduate student veteran in the College of Education who demonstrates exceptional career promise.

**Erwin and Louise Wasta International Scholarship:** presented to an international student in the College of Education.

**Franklin D. and Louise P. Stone International Scholarship:** presented to an outstanding international student pursuing a Ph.D. in the College of Education.

**Gladys and Margaret Harvey Education Scholarship:** presented to students who show financial need and are enrolled in the College of Education.

**Grace Phelps Stucker Scholarship:** presented to an undergraduate or graduate teacher education student.

**Guy and Gladys Peterson Scholarship:** presented to students admitted to the Teacher Education Program who have completed at least 12 s.h. of education coursework.

**Hemphill/Jones Higher Education Masters Student Award:** presented to deserving students in the College of Education with preference given to historically underrepresented students of color working toward an M.A. degree in higher education and student affairs.

**Henry Kepner Math Education Scholarship:** presented to deserving students who are pursuing a degree in math education.

**Hubbard Family Legacy Award:** presented to students majoring in mathematics, physics, or chemistry who are pursuing a secondary education teaching certificate with the intention to teach at the secondary level.

**Jack Bagford Elementary Education Scholarship:** presented to an undergraduate or graduate student in elementary education who will be student teaching during the academic year following the award; recipient must be a resident of Iowa.

**Jake and Kimberly Chung Scholarship:** presented to a teacher education student for their student teaching semester.

**James and Coretta Stroud Fellowship:** presented to an outstanding graduate student in educational psychology.

**Jananne F. Nelson Elementary Education Scholarship:** presented to a student pursuing a degree in elementary education specializing in literacy.

**Jeanette Kinsey Elementary Education Scholarship:** presented to an elementary education student.

**John H. Haefner Memorial Scholarship:** presented to a student who will be student teaching in the area of social studies.

**John Leonard Davies Scholarship:** presented to a student who is a first- or second-semester senior in the Department of Teaching and Learning who is viewed as being creative and having outstanding potential for success in the field of K-12 education.

**Judith Young Saunders Scholarship:** presented to an undergraduate or graduate student who is pursuing a degree in teacher education, with preference given to students with severe visual impairments.
Judy Skalsky Memorial Scholarship: presented to an undergraduate or graduate student majoring in art education.

Kathleen M. Ramsay and Family Scholarship: presented to deserving students in the College of Education with preference given to third-year or higher-level students, or to students who have a focus in elementary or secondary education and demonstrate financial need.

Kyle C. and Eula B. Jones Scholarship: presented to undergraduate and graduate students planning careers in elementary and secondary education and administration.

Laurie Jane Croft Scholarship: presented to deserving undergraduate or graduate students in the College of Education who are pursuing an endorsement certificate in gifted education.

Leonard A. Miller Memorial Scholarship: presented to an outstanding first-year M.A. student in rehabilitation counseling.

Lowell Brandt Rehabilitation Counseling Award: presented to graduate students pursuing a master’s degree in the rehabilitation counseling program.

Margaret A. Sloan Scholarship: presented to undergraduate or graduate students in the College of Education.

Margaret P. Park Scholarship: presented to deserving students in the College of Education with preference given to students from St. Louis County, Minnesota; Rock Island County, Illinois; or Iowa.

Mary Ann DePrenger Scholarship for Elementary Education: presented to students pursuing elementary education certification.

Mary Bywater Cross and Robert P. Newman Research Award: awarded to graduate students to provide support for travel and related expenses for attendance at conferences and events at which research is presented and shared, or to conduct research within the field of education.

Mary Maxine Redmond Scholarship: presented to undergraduate students from Iowa enrolled in the College of Education.

Maureen Medberry Snell Education Award: presented to outstanding students in the College of Education.

Melvin R. Novick Award in Educational Measurement and Statistics: presented to a third- or fourth-year doctoral student in educational measurement and statistics who has at least a year of study remaining.

Paul Larson Military/Veteran Student Scholarship: presented to College of Education student veterans and military students to help them achieve success in their studies in the College of Education.

Paul Opstad Scholarship: presented to a full- or part-time graduate student in the College of Education whose career or scholarly interests focus on the concerns and needs of international students.

Perry Eugene Mclenahan Memorial Scholarship: presented to an outstanding graduate student in educational administration.

Richard L. Sanner Scholarship: presented to deserving graduate students in the College of Education.

Robert L. Brennan Graduate Student Award: presented to a graduate student in the educational measurement and statistics program based on their research.

Rolland Ray Award: presented to doctoral students completing a dissertation concerned with measurement in mathematics education, science education, social studies education, or English education.

Sheila E. McFarland Memorial Scholarship: presented to a student who will be student teaching for a full semester in the area of elementary education; preference for this award will be given to an Iowa resident.

Student Teaching Abroad Scholarship: presented to students who are doing their student teaching in a foreign country.

T. Anne Cleary Psychological Research Scholarship: presented to students in the Department of Psychological and Quantitative Foundations.

University High School Innovative Developments in Education Award (IDEA): presented to students during their secondary student teaching experience.

Waronka Family Scholarship: presented to one or more deserving students in elementary education who demonstrate merit and are in good academic standing.

Women in Secondary Science/Math Education Scholarship: presented to a female student from a rural area studying secondary science or math education.