

# Students can earn money on campus

## Libraries and research labs some of the places students can work.

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Whether you qualify for need-based financial aid or just want to earn some extra cash, UNC offers many options for part-time work on campus.

Most on-campus positions require no more than 20 hours of work per week — taking into consideration a typical UNC student's busy schedule.

On move-in day in the fall, one of the first student employees freshmen encounter is the resident advisor for their floor or hall.

The Department of Housing and Residential Education employs more than 500 UNC students each academic year.

Junior Erica Edelstein, an RA in Hinton James, said the close relationship she developed with her RA during her first year at UNC inspired her to take on the job herself.

She said she loves getting to know her residents and especially helping freshmen transition to life in college.

"It's more than just a salary," Edelstein said. "I've grown a lot as an RA. It'll help me as a leader, a mentor, a parent and in whatever career I end up choosing."

UNC students who demonstrate financial need might qualify for a work-study award. Through this program funded by the federal government, students are able to earn part of their financial aid by working part time.

Popular work-study job options include working in the library, in research laboratories and as academic tutors.

Judy Panitch, director of library communications for UNC Libraries, said about one-third of student employees at the libraries are work study. She said she recommends that all students, whether they are work-study or not, apply at the beginning of the fall semester.

"We hire whenever positions are available, but this will give students the best chance at getting work," Panitch said.

"However, if students have an interest in working in a particular department at a particular library, we encourage them to inquire at any point during the year."

Another major employer on campus is the Carolina Union. At the Union students can apply for

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**Erica Edelstein,**  
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work in departments such as the Activities Board, the Box Office and Production Services.

Graduating senior Kelsey Brown, who worked as an office manager for the Office of Events Management, said the Union accepts applications year-round for all positions.

Pay for most part-time jobs in the Union ranges from \$7.25 to \$13.55 per hour.

When students apply they rank their job preferences, Brown said. She said the Union does its best to place each student in one of their top choices.

"There is a preference for hiring students who qualify for work study," Brown said. "But

the Union is more than willing to consider any student who is looking for work."

Senior Lauren Scott, a member of the technical staff for Production Services, said she likes the flexibility of her job at the Union.

"Studying always takes precedence," Scott said. "If I ever feel like I shouldn't work a shift because of an upcoming exam, there's someone willing to cover for me."

Scott said an enjoyable work environment and the Union's involvement with most campus events and organizations as two positive aspects of her job.

"Working with the Union has made me feel much more in touch with what's happening on campus."

She said she enjoyed her on-campus job so much, she hopes to work in a similar field after graduation.

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Junior Kali Hackett works at the Student Union as the information desk attendant. She enjoys being able to interact with students at work.

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