

Supply Chain Resource Cooperative Scholar Program

The Supply Chain Resource Cooperative (SCRC) Scholars program is a funded graduate scholarship that provides an opportunity for MBA candidates to receive real world exposure to supply chain problems facing SCRC corporate business partners. SCRC Scholars gain valuable knowledge and experience by leveraging faculty resources from the Poole College of Management, the Jenkins Graduate School of Management, the Supply Chain Resource Cooperative and corporate supply chain professionals. SCRC Scholars make a year-long commitment to research, analysis, communication and implementation of solutions to complex, global supply chain challenges faced in all aspects of supply management. SCRC Scholars represent a highly valued talent pool from which corporate business partners recruit top performers.

Requirements:

- A full time MBA student pursuing a Supply Chain Concentration
- A documented history of relevant work experience demonstrating management potential through full time employment, volunteer service, or military experience. Supply chain experience is a plus
- Ability to dedicate 20 hours per week to research, field project work and reporting
- GPA \geq 3.2
- Leadership skills, maturity, creativity, initiative and teamwork orientation
- A curiosity of, and willingness to learn about, technology and the challenges it creates for supply chain practitioners
- The ability to travel to SCRC corporate business partner locations during a standard work week
- SCRC Scholars are expected to complete a summer internship between the first and second year
- Deliver quantifiable value to faculty, staff and corporate business partners

Scope:

- Materials Management, Warehousing and Transportation
- Global Inbound and Outbound Logistics
- Strategic Sourcing and Procurement
- Market Intelligence and Supplier Relationships
- Data Collection, Analysis, Interpretation and Cleansing
- Value Stream Mapping, Business Process Synchronization and Process Improvement
- Research, Authoring Content / Articles / Position Papers on Relevant Supply Chain Topics

Benefits:

- Tuition funded by North Carolina State University
- Twelve thousand dollar (\$12,000) stipend during the academic year
- Health insurance funded by North Carolina State University
- On campus office access provided in the Supply Chain Resource Cooperative facility
- Real world experience in dealing with complex supply chain problems
- Mentorship by SCRC faculty and corporate supply chain executives
- Enhanced employment opportunities through networking / exposure to corporate executives

The Bottom Line:

The SCRC Scholars program is not for the average MBA graduate assistant, let alone the average MBA student.

SCRC Scholars are more closely aligned with the role of a consultant than the role of the traditional graduate assistant. SCRC Scholars are expected to dedicate a significant amount of time and effort to resolving complex, ill-defined and highly challenging supply chain problems through individual research, on-site interviews with corporate partners, and interaction with NCSU and SCRC faculty. During the course of a semester the SCRC Scholar will complete the equivalent of one and a half MBA capstone-level projects on an individual basis.

In today's highly competitive work environment execution trumps effort and, as a result, the SCRC Scholar will be expected to deliver real, bottom-line value to the faculty and / or corporate partner. The focus will clearly be on the 'successful application and deployment' of academic theory, tools and methodologies to solve real world problems. Only MBA candidates who are execution driven, with excellent academic credentials, a strong work ethic, a high degree of professionalism and integrity, and the ability to work with limited supervision should apply. Failure to achieve exceptional performance may result in the withdrawal of funding for the following year.

Description of Scholars Program:

The SCRC Scholar will receive all of the benefits associated with a traditional MBA Graduate Assistantship: full tuition coverage, health insurance and a stipend of \$12,000 for nine months (two semesters). The student will be responsible for approximately \$1,186 per semester in student fees, and **will work approximately 20 hours per week either for a corporate partner or the SCRC, depending on the assignment.**

SCRC Scholars are unique in the following areas:

1. The centerpiece of the scholarship will be a mentoring relationship with a supply chain faculty member or a supply chain executive from a SCRC corporate partner. The student will be assigned one mentor per semester from the faculty or a corporate partner's leadership team, who will coach and mentor the Scholar throughout their tenure in the program. The mentor will be assigned at the beginning of the semester and, in the case of a corporate partner, an introductory meeting will be held at the partner's office for the Scholar to meet with members of the partner's leadership team.
2. The SCRC Scholar will work directly with the assigned faculty member or corporate partner to identify key supply chain areas in need of improvement and may be required to develop position papers and recommendations based on primary and secondary research. The Scholar will collaborate with the assigned faculty mentor, corporate partner and/ or the faculty of the Supply Chain Resource Cooperative to select and outline research monographs.
3. Research projects will be managed in conjunction with the Scholar's studies and consistent with traditional scholarship duties and expectations. If assigned to work with a corporate partner, the Scholar will be required to regularly attend on-site meetings and activities at the partner site; however some of the work may be done remotely.

Candidate Qualifications:

SCRC Scholar candidates must be admitted to the Jenkins Graduate School of Management MBA Program as a full time student, and will have a strong desire to interact with corporate executives, supply chain professionals and SCRC faculty. Applicants who have completed 4 or more semesters of graduate study at NC State are not eligible. Successful candidates will have demonstrated superior potential through a combination of:

- GMAT / GRE scores
- TOEFL or IELTS, if applicable
- Current Resume
- Academic transcripts
- Three (3) Letters of Recommendation
- A Statement of Objectives in Supply Chain Management
- Written responses to two (2) essay questions
- Formal interviews – Faculty, staff and / or corporate executives
- International candidates must be authorized to work in the United States

The recipient may be eligible for the SCRC Scholars program for a second year of study, pending approval from the SCRC corporate partner, SCRC Faculty and the Jenkins Graduate School of Management. Offers of an SCRC scholarship are contingent upon the student meeting performance expectations, continued funding from SCRC business partners and / or the on-going availability of applicable grant funding.

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Jenkins Graduate School of Management: <http://mgt.ncsu.edu/mba/>

Full Time MBA: <http://www.mgt.ncsu.edu/mba/academic-programs/full-time/>

On-line Application: <http://www.mgt.ncsu.edu/mba/academic-programs/full-time/admissions/apply/>

Supply Chain Management Concentration: <http://www.mgt.ncsu.edu/mba/concentrations/supply-chain/>