

## Federal Work Study Information for College of Public Health

### WHAT IS FEDERAL WORK STUDY?

Federal Work Study (FWS) is a type of financial aid, which provides funds for part-time employment for eligible students.

#### **Fast Facts:**

- At UNMC, federal dollars support 75% and the **employing entity** (department, project, organization, etc.) **pays 25% of the student's hourly wage.**
- The hourly wage for clerical-type positions is \$10/hr and the hourly wage for positions with programmatic work is \$12/hr.
- Students may work up to **20hrs/wk during classes** and 40hrs/wk during academic breaks.

The U.S. Department of Education's information on FWS can be found online at:

[www2.ed.gov/programs/fws/index.html](http://www2.ed.gov/programs/fws/index.html)

UNMC's Federal Work Study Information can be found online at:

<http://www.unmc.edu/financialaid/types-aid/federal-workstudy.html>

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

To be eligible, a student must:

- Be a U.S. resident.
- Demonstrate need according to their current Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

### WHY FEDERAL WORK STUDY FOR COPH STUDENTS?

1. FWS positions are a great way for COPH students to make money for their living and education expenses, and gain valuable public health experience. This experience can help make COPH graduates more competitive in the job market. Examples of work study tasks/positions include:
  - a. Laboratory assistant
  - b. Data analysis
  - c. Literature reviews
  - d. Project coordination
  - e. Administrative support for projects (report writing, support strategic planning activities, assembling grant appendices, filing, data entry, etc.)
2. While FWS funds are a part of a student's financial aid award package, this is not a loan that will need to be paid back by the student.
3. FWS is also a great mechanism for programs to have a student worker, at minimal expense:  
**A program could have a FWS student for 15hrs/wk for 35 weeks (approximate length of academic year), at \$12/hr for a total cost of \$1,575.**

**If you have any questions, or need assistance during the process, contact:**  
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