

CARES Act Emergency Grant Report

The University of California, Riverside cares about the health and well-being of all students, staff and faculty in our community. All students have been impacted as a result of the campus moving to a remote instruction environment for the entire spring 2020 quarter. To provide some financial relief during the COVID-19 pandemic, UC Riverside is distributing Emergency Financial Aid Grants to eligible undergraduate and graduate students from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF), part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. In the interest of transparency, and to comply with federal reporting requirements, details about our use of these funds is provided below.

The university has received \$14,867,313 from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students, which was signed on April 10, 2020 and returned to the Department of Education and approved on April 21, 2020 by the U.S. Department of Education. The University of California, Riverside will use no less than 50 percent of the funds received under § 18004(a) (1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

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Total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students	\$ 13,570,166
Estimated total number of students eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965	24,418
Total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant	20,358

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Total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students	\$ 1,297,147
Estimated total number of students eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965	9,302
Total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant	4,205

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Total amount of funds the institution has received for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students	\$ 14,867,313
Total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students (sum of Spring and Summer)	\$ 14,867,313

Data updated on 10/30/2020

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CARES Act Emergency Grant for students enrolled during the Spring Term

To receive a CARES Emergency Financial Aid Grant at UC Riverside, students must meet the following criteria:

- Be eligible to participate in programs under § 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 which includes but is not limited to:
 - Must be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen
 - Have a valid Social Security Number
 - Registered for Selective Service (males only), and
 - Have a high school diploma, GED, or completion of high school in an approved homeschool setting, and
- Be active and enrolled on the date the CARES Emergency Grant is awarded

Amongst students who meet the above criteria, the grants are awarded as follows:

Undergraduate Dependent Students	
EFC ¹ of \$0 to \$2,000 (lowest family income)	\$ 900
EFC ¹ of \$2,001 - \$5,777 (up to Pell Grant-eligible)	\$ 700
Grant Eligible Students ² (not in above populations)	\$ 500
All other students ³ (not in above populations)	\$ 250

Undergraduate Independent Students	
Students with children (student parents)	\$ 1,500
EFC ¹ of \$0 to \$2,000 (lowest family income)	\$ 1,000
EFC ¹ of \$2,001 - \$5,777 (up to Pell Grant-eligible)	\$ 800
Grant Eligible Students ² (not in above populations)	\$ 600
All other students ³ (not in above populations)	\$ 350

Graduate Students	
Students with children (student parents)	\$ 1,500
All other graduate students ⁴	\$ 550

¹EFC is the Expected Family Contribution derived using the FAFSA application

²Students who received Cal Grant and/or UCR Grant funds during the spring quarter

³A FAFSA is required for undergraduate students to be eligible to receive these funds

⁴The ([FAFSA](#)) or an [affidavit](#) is required for graduate students to receive these funds

Undergraduate students must file a [FAFSA](#) to be considered for the CARES Act Emergency Grants. Graduate students can file a [FAFSA](#) or an [affidavit](#) to be considered for this emergency grant. All students who receive a CARES Emergency Grant are sent a CARES Emergency Grant notification email upon awarding (please see text below).

CARES Act Emergency Grant for students enrolled during the Summer Term

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In looking at summer enrollments and eligible students, the remaining funds were re-appropriated to undergraduate and graduate students. For undergraduate students the approach is to provide these emergency grants to our neediest student population based on FAFSA data. Similar to awards made during the spring quarter, we identified "Parenting Students" (students with children) with Pell Eligible Expected Family Contribution (EFC) and provided them with a higher amount given the needs of these students. We then identified the remaining Pell Eligible students who enrolled during the summer. Because of the limitation of available funds, CARES Act Emergency grants were offered to undergraduate students who were Pell Grant eligible during the summer term as follows:

Student Type	CARES Act Grant Amt
Undergraduate Students	
Parenting Undergrads	\$600.00
EFC <= \$2000 Undergrads	\$325.00
All other Pell Eligible Undergrads	\$200.00

The approach for the graduate student population was slightly different than the undergraduate student population. We identified all graduate students enrolled in summer sessions, but excluded MSOL as this is a fully online program and these students don't qualify for CARES Act Emergency Grants. Most students, except for 8 graduate students, submitted a FAFSA. For the 8 students without a FAFSA, they were sent an email requiring to complete the affidavit used for the spring quarter. Here's how the grants were distributed to Graduate students:

Student Type	CARES Act Grant Amt
Graduate Students	
Parenting Graduate Students	\$600.00
Enrolled Graduate Students	\$300.00

CARES Emergency Grant notification email sent:

Dear Student,

UCR is happy to inform you that you have been awarded a Federal CARES Act emergency grant.

The U.S. Department of Education has just distributed funding to UCR for emergency financial assistance grants to students under the Congressional Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Federal CARES Act grants are intended to assist students with economic hardships related to disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Funds may be used to cover:

- travel and moving expenses associated with the transition to on-line learning,
- housing, food, and utilities,
- child care,
- technology or other resources needed for online coursework,
- medical expenses,
- and job loss or reduction of income related to the coronavirus.

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Your Federal CARES Act Grant has been posted to your [R'Web](#) Student Account and will be issued directly to you as a cash grant.

If you have previously signed up for Direct Deposit, you should receive the funds in your bank account within two to three business days. Otherwise, your grant will be mailed to you at your permanent address on [R'Web](#). Please note that due to the current campus closure and limited mail service, there may be an additional delay in receiving your funds. Now is an important time to sign up for Direct Deposit to expedite receipt of future credit balances on your account.

The Financial Aid Office joins campus leadership, faculty, and staff in wishing you a successful spring quarter. We know that this is an unprecedented and challenging time. During the closure you can reach our office via e-mail at finaid@ucr.edu

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