

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 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 | \$ 13,294,000 |
| 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 | 19,967 |

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 | |
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| 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 | |
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| 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 |

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| Graduate Students | |
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| 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 Emergency Grant notification email:

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.

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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