

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) II

The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) II provides emergency funding to universities to assist students in need during the coronavirus pandemic. In 2020, this funding was known as the CARES Act Funding.

Per guidance from the federal government, these grants will be distributed to our students with exceptional need, which will be identified by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

UD has received HEERF II funding and will be distributing grants ranging from \$150-\$1,200 to eligible students to help cover expenses related to the cost of attendance (e.g., food, housing and utilities, health insurance, including mental health care, transportation, or child care) or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus.

- Funds from the HEERF II CRRSAA Emergency Relief Fund are not considered financial aid and do not affect a student's current or future financial aid eligibility.

Eligibility and Awarding

Eligible students will meet the following requirements:

- You must be an enrolled graduate or undergraduate student as of January 27, 2021.
- You must be a U.S. citizen.
- You must demonstrate need, which is measured by the 2020-2021 FAFSA.
- \$1,200 awarded to Pell Grant eligible FT students. (\$600 PT)
- \$1,000 awarded to FT undergraduate students (\$500 PT) that have an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) outside the Pell Grant parameters, but below a 15,000 EFC.
- \$400 awarded to FT students (\$200 PT) that have greater than 15,000 EFC
- \$300 awarded to FT students (\$150 PT) that were eligible but did not file FAFSA.
- **To cover existing charges (posted after December 27, 2020) on account, students would need to grant permission for these funds by March 24.**

If students choose not to grant permission to use these funds toward their existing charges they would receive the grant amount by check issued on March 26.

Students not eligible for HEERF II funding and in need of financial support can reach out to the Office of Financial Planning to determine what additional financing resources exist for them.

FAQ's

Are HEERF II funds taxable income?

No, HEERF II funds are not considered taxable income (as of 2/22/21), however with regard to student emergency grants, the notice states that there is no requirement to report those amounts on the Form 1099-MISC; however, it states that "the waiver does not apply to the requirement to file and furnish Form 1098-T, Tuition Statement, with respect to any payments received for qualified tuition and related expenses, including qualified tuition and related expenses paid with grants described in this notice." Information provided by the National Association of College and University Business Officers. [Full news release.](#)