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TO: ALL GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS

CC: TOTAL CAMPUS DEANS
GENERAL CAMPUS ASSISTANT DEANS
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FR: JAMES ANTONY, Dean of The Graduate Division

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Dear Graduate and Professional Students,

As you may have heard, UC San Diego recently received Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) monies totalling \$91,774,980 million dollars with \$45,889,163 million designated for direct grants to students and \$5,506,699 designated for graduate and professional students who have exceptional financial need.

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) authorized by the American Rescue Plan (ARP) has directed institutions to use this new federal funding to provide direct emergency financial grants to students for expenses related to any component of their cost of attendance, including: tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health), and childcare. The HEERF III requires that institutions prioritize students with exceptional financial need. UC San Diego will begin disbursing HEERF III funding as Grants to graduate and professional students on **November 10th, 2021, to be eligible for HEERF III Grants, students must be registered for Fall 2021.**

Any student who does not meet federal eligibility requirements for HEERF III funding, but still requires support for basic needs, is encouraged to work with [The Hub Basic Needs Center](#) for referrals. [The Hub](#) is a resource available to all registered students at UC San Diego.

For FAQ's on the HEERF III please visit the [COVID-19 section of the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office website.](#)

HEERF III Grants for graduate and professional students will be awarded for a maximum of \$1,500 by special request and demonstrated need related to COVID-19 expenses. *See*

attachment or [CLICK HERE](#) for instructions on how to apply for the grant.

Grant applications are being verified and evaluated by the Graduate Division and the School of Medicine in consultation with the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office. Grant distribution for graduate and professional students is managed by the Graduate Division and by the Health Sciences Financial Aid Office for SOM and SSPPS students. Funds are limited and will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis to those who apply. **Grants will continue to be distributed until funding runs out.**

For Graduate and Professional students you may direct questions to April Bjornsen at abjornsen@ucsd.edu. For School of Medicine and Skaggs School of Pharmacy students please contact John Benefield at jobenefield@health.ucsd.edu.