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Dear Graduate and Professional Students,

As many of you have heard, UC San Diego will receive Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding, \$1.74 million of which is designated for graduate and professional students.

The purpose of CARES Act funding is to provide emergency financial aid grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus (including eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care). To be eligible for CARES Act grants students must be U.S. citizens or eligible noncitizens, and **eligible** to file a [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#). A FAFSA is not required.

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

CARES Act grants will be awarded for a maximum of \$1,500 by special request and demonstrated need related to COVID-19 expenses. **The Graduate Student 2019-20 CARES Act Grant Special Request Form will be available Thursday May 14, 2020.**

Graduate and Professional students: To apply for a CARES Act grant, graduate and professional students (excluding School of Medicine and Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences) should use the [Graduate 2019-20 CARES Act Grant Special](#)

[Request Form on TritonLink under Financial Tools > Financial Aid.](#) Funds are limited. Grants will continue to be distributed until funding runs out.

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- **Degree Audit:** Check your academic progress with your degree audit.
- **General Catalog:** Read course descriptions for UC San Diego classes.
- **GPA Calculator:** Use this to project your future GPA.
- **Major and Minor:** Manage major and minor declarations.

Financial tools

- **Billing and Payment:** Find out what you owe and pay your bills.
- **Direct Deposit:** The fastest, most secure, and environmentally friendly way to receive your financial aid, stipends, and refunds.
- **Financial Aid:** View your application status and details about your financial award.
- **Health Fee Waiver:** Use this if you want to submit

financial aid

act.ucsd.edu/student/FinancialAid/financialaiddisplay.htm

COVID-19 Updates Visit UC San Diego's Coronavirus portal for the latest information for the campus community. [View Details](#)

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Undergraduate Scholarship Application For Current UCSD Students

The application period for 2020-21 Undergraduate Continuing Student Scholarships and the Summer 2020 Undergraduate Research Scholarships has closed. All recipients and non-recipients will be notified via their UCSD email account by end of August. The application period for 2021-2022 will begin by the end of November 2020.

Summer Session 2020

- **NO FINANCIAL AID SUMMER APPLICATION NEEDED**
- 2019-20 FAFSA/Dream Act Application + Summer Enrollment = Summer Financial Aid Package

Enrollment for Summer Session 2020 begins in April. Enroll in at least 6 summer units at your earliest opportunity for possible priority financial aid funding (if eligible). See below for details about summer financial aid requirements and enrollment information.

- [Summer Financial Aid Information](#)

SOM and SSPPS students: To apply for a CARES Act grant, School of Medicine (SOM) and Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences (SSPPS) students should use the **CARES Act Grant Application form found on the Health Sciences Financial Aid website [HERE](#).**

CARES Act Applications will be verified and evaluated by the Graduate Division and SOM in consultation with the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office. Grant distribution for graduate and professional students will be managed by the Graduate Division and by the Health Sciences Financial Aid Office for SOM and SSPPS students. Grants will continue to be distributed until funding runs out.

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

All students are strongly encouraged to both [update their current address](#) and [enroll in direct deposit for financial aid](#) via TritonLink immediately. As administrative processing may take up to 10 days, completing this action early increases the chance that any distribution of CARES Act grants (and all other stipends/refunds) will be received via direct deposit, and mitigates potential issues with paper checks during the campus closure due to coronavirus.

If you have questions feel free to contact April Bjornsen at abjornsen@ucsd.edu.