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TO: ALL GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS

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FR: JAMES ANTONY, Dean of The Graduate Division

SUBJ: Federal Relief Funding for Students

Dear Graduate and Professional Students,

As you may have heard, UC San Diego recently received Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) monies totalling \$52 million dollars with \$17.4 million designated for direct grants to students and \$2,791,000 designated for graduate and professional students.

The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) authorized the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) and 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. Unlike the CARES Act, the CRRSAA requires that institutions prioritize students with exceptional financial need. UC San Diego will begin disbursing HEERF II funding as CRSSAA Grants to graduate and professional students on **Monday April 5, 2021. To be eligible for CRRSAA Grants, students must be U.S. citizens or eligible noncitizens.**

Any student who does not meet federal eligibility requirements for CRRSAA 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.

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

CRRSAA 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. **The**

**Graduate & Professional Student 2021 CRRSAA Grant Special Request Form will be available beginning Monday April 05, 2021.**

Graduate and Professional Students (School of Medicine and Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences Students must use a different form--see below): To apply for a CRRSAA Grant, graduate and professional students (excluding School of Medicine and Skaggs School of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences) should use the [Graduate 2020-21 CRRSAA Act Grant Special Request Form on TritonLink under Financial Tools > Financial Aid.](#)

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## Financial Aid and Scholarships

[Graduate 2020-21 CRRSA Act Grant Special Request Form](#)

It's recommended to use a Chrome browser for the form (above), Edge and Safari is not supported.

### Financial Aid Information

Select a year to begin:

### 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](#)
- [Summer Enrollment Information](#)

Financial Aid and Scholarships office

Health Sciences Financial Aid Office, serving students in the School of Medicine and Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, is in the process of automatically disbursing funds to financial aid recipients who were determined to have exceptional financial need. For all other SOM and SSPPS students, the Health Sciences Financial Aid Department realizes that exceptional financial need can be represented by other factors, including situational financial need brought about by economic hardship. Therefore, the Health Sciences Financial Aid Office will provide the opportunity for SOM and SSPPS students to apply for funding via a HEERF II application if you did not previously qualify. The **HEERF II Grant information is found on the Health Sciences Financial Aid website [HERE](#).**

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.

**All students are strongly encouraged to both [update their current mailing 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 CRRSAA Grants (and all other stipends/refunds) will be received via direct deposit, and mitigates potential issues/delays with paper checks during the ongoing pandemic.

If you have questions feel free to contact April Bjornsen at [abjornsen@ucsd.edu](mailto:abjornsen@ucsd.edu).

