

WashU Crisis Response Fund for Students

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Dear Medical School Graduate and Professional Students:

We hope this message finds you and your loved ones safe and well, and please know we are thinking of you during this time. The medical school campus is not the same without you physically present, but we are grateful for the ways you are here supporting our healthcare workers, supporting the health of our community and engaging in the new frontier of distance learning. We look forward to the days when we can be together again as a learning community in our laboratories, classrooms, clinical sites and hospitals.

Nonetheless, we wanted to take an opportunity to write to you to see how you are doing and to remind you to let us know if there is anything you need during this time. This adjustment has been hard on all of us, and in times like these, we must remember to lean on our Washington University family and find ways to support one another.

To that end, we also know that some of you are still feeling quite unsettled — whether it be because of your home environment, feelings of isolation, financial, job, or food security, or other health-related concerns. For those of you for whom that's the case, please know that we want to do everything we can to support you during this time. And one of those ways is through the **WashU Crisis Response Fund for Students**.

The WashU Crisis Response Fund for Students is designed to provide financial resources for Washington University students who, as a result of unexpected additional costs or loss of income, need emergency financial support to pay for essential needs, such as housing, food, and medicine, between March 15, 2020 and April 30, 2020. In mid-April, the University will reassess the Fund's capacity to determine whether it will be possible to provide further support to students beyond April 30th.

The WashU Crisis Response Fund for Students will endeavor to address essential needs that Student Financial Services, School-based funds, and other additional support funds are unable to address. The following list includes some examples of categories that could be considered an essential need for a student and that may fall within the parameters for funding:

- Unexpected expenses for Non-University owned housing, including unexpected rent and utilities (students in University housing should contact quadrangle@wustl.edu)
- Groceries
- Medicine
- Unreimbursed co-pays for physical or mental health services

Please visit <https://webportalapp.com/sp/login/washu-studentcovidfund> for complete details on the WashU Crisis Response Fund for Students. If you wish to submit a request for a stipend, please carefully review the instructions on the form to ensure we can properly prioritize and respond to requests. **The deadline to submit a request for a stipend is Tuesday, April 7, 2020.** While we will make every effort to offer some emergency funding for stipend requests that meet the criteria laid out above, we know that it will not be possible for us to grant every request. If you have questions about the Fund or would like to check in on the status of your application, please email studentcovidfund@wustl.edu.

As a University community, we hope that this Fund can provide the basic resources necessary for graduate and professional students that experience pandemic-related hardships. The challenges associated with this pandemic require community, and we are committed to being part of your support system.

We know this is tough. We continue to be here for you today and in the days ahead. Please do not hesitate to reach out to myself, your program director, or any other support faculty or staff. While our campus offices are closed, we are readily available virtually.

Please stay safe and thank you for your resilience and flexibility as we each play our part and do the important work of flattening the curve.

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