

Federal Emergency Grants for Fiscal Quarter Ending on 3/31/2022

The University of Oregon (UO) signed and returned Certification and Agreements with the Department of Education to accept allocated funds from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) and American Rescue Plan (ARP). CRRSAA established and funded the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II), and the ARP established and funded HEERF III to provide emergency financial aid grants to students. These critical funds help eligible UO students cover expenses related to unanticipated costs and needs related to an emergency situation. While all enrolled students are eligible, the UO prioritized fund awarding for students with the greatest level of financial need, as indicated by their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Oregon Student Aid Application (ORSAA).

Federal Emergency Grant Reporting

As of June 6, 2021, the UO received \$37,521,605 for students to fund Federal HEERF (I-III) Grants. The estimated total number of students potentially eligible to receive HEERF Grants in the first quarter of 2022 was 21,222. As of April 4, 2022, a net total of \$8,723,690 was disbursed to 7,338 students during the quarter and \$29,968,604 in HEERF has been awarded to 13,664 students since awarding began in May 2020.

Additional information at financialaid.uoregon.edu/cares and financialaid.uoregon.edu/heerf

Federal Emergency Grant Criteria and Eligibility

Similar to the closing Quarter of 2021, during the Quarter ending on 3/31/2022, the University of Oregon awarded federal HEERF funds to enrolled students demonstrating exceptional need determined by the FAFSA or ORSAA. Students demonstrating the greatest need were awarded \$3000 for the academic year, while others were awarded \$2000 for the year. Awards were payable in equal disbursements similar to other federal student aid. In March, awards were increased for students who were enrolled in winter term, bringing the annual maximum to \$3500 for students who demonstrated the greatest need and up to \$2333 for others. Awards were also made at this time for students who began attending during winter term, with the award amount capped at two-thirds of the full year amount.

Funding continued to be made available via online applications for the following groups of enrolled students:

- Those seeking assistance with quarantine or self-isolation expenses.
- Continuing international students with exceptional need seeking assistance with pandemic-related expenses.
- Those who had not received need-based funding, and were seeking assistance with emergency expenses.

Award amounts were based on emergency costs incurred due to coronavirus or eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance, such as course materials, technology, health care, and childcare. The maximum award for a quarantine application was \$700 for the term. International students with exceptional need were awarded up to \$3000 for the academic year, and students seeking assistance with emergency costs were reimbursed up to \$2000 per academic year.