

Federal Emergency Grants for Fiscal Quarter Ending on 12/31/2021

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 fourth quarter of 2021 was 22,175. As of January 3, a net total of \$6,594,093 was disbursed to 6,819 students during the quarter and \$21,244,914 in HEERF has been awarded to 12,920 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

During the Quarter ending on 12/31/2021, 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.

Additionally, funding was made available via online applications for the following groups of enrolled students:

- Those seeking assistance with quarantine 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 \$1400 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.