

HEERF II & III Emergency Financial Aid Grant Report

The University of California, Riverside cares about the health and well-being of all students, staff, and faculty in our community. All students continue to be impacted by the campus operating in a remote instruction environment since March 2020 due to the ongoing COVID-19 emergency. To provide some financial relief, UC Riverside has distributed Emergency Financial Aid Grants to eligible undergraduate and graduate students from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II), authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA); and the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III), authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act, 2021 (ARP). In the interest of transparency, and to comply with federal reporting requirements, details about our use of these funds is provided below.

The University has received \$71,980,508.00 (HEERF I: \$14,867,313, HEERF II: \$16,373,068, HEERF III: \$40,740,127) from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students, which was signed on April 10, 2020, and returned to the Department of Education and approved on April 21, 2020 by the U.S. Department of Education.

Statistics

CRRSAA Emergency Grants: The University of California, Riverside has disbursed the funds received pursuant to Section 314(d)(5) of CRRSAA which requires at least the same amount of funding used for financial aid grants under § 18004(a) (1) of the CARES Act, to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. For UCR, this amount is \$14,867,313.

CRRSA Act Technology Grants: The University of California, Riverside received supplemental support under the CRRSA Act via the Supplemental Assistance to Institutions of Higher Education (SAIHE) program in July 2021. Pursuant to guidance in the [Federal Register](#), section III (Eligibility Information), Item 4 “Uses of Funds”, UCR disbursed 50% of the allocation, \$1,505,755, directly to students as emergency technology grants.

ARP Act Emergency Grants: The University of California, Riverside will use no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 2003 of the ARP Act, 2021 to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. For UCR, this amount is \$40,740,127.

Total amount of funds the institution has received for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under the CRRSAA (a)(1) program	\$ 16,373,068
Total amount of funds the institution has received for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under the ARP (a)(1) program	\$ 40,740,127
Total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the CRRSAA (a)(1) program	\$ 16,373,068
Total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the ARP (a)(1) program	\$ 35,563,628
Estimated total number of students eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA (a)(1) program and ARP (a)(1) program	26,445
Total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under the CRRSAA (a)(1) program and ARP (a)(1) program (unduplicated count)	23,167

Data updated on 1/7/2022

Eligibility

To receive a **CRRSAA Emergency Financial Aid Grant** or an **ARP Act Emergency Grant** (round 1) at UC Riverside, students must have met the following criteria:

- Be eligible to participate in programs under § 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 which includes but is not limited to:
 - Must be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen
 - Have a valid Social Security Number
 - Registered for Selective Service (males only), and
 - Have a high school diploma, GED, or completion of high school in an approved homeschool setting, and
- Be active and enrolled at least half time on the date the CRRSAA Emergency Grant is awarded
- Undergraduate students must file a 2020-21 [FAFSA](#)
- Graduate students may file a 2020-21 [FAFSA](#) or an [Affidavit](#)

Amongst students who met the above criteria, the grants were awarded as follows:

Undergraduate Dependent Students	
EFC ¹ of \$0 to \$2,000 (lowest family contribution)	\$ 1,000
EFC ¹ of \$2,001 to \$5,711 (up to Pell Grant-eligible)	\$ 900
EFC ¹ of \$5,712 to \$20,000	\$ 600

Undergraduate Independent Students	
Students with children (student parents)	\$ 1,600
EFC ¹ of \$0 to \$2,000 (lowest family income)	\$ 1,200
EFC ¹ of \$2,001 to \$5,711 (up to Pell Grant-eligible)	\$ 1,000
EFC ¹ of \$5,712 to \$20,000	\$ 800

Graduate Students	
Students with children (student parents)	\$ 1,600
All other graduate students ²	\$ 800

¹EFC is the Expected Family Contribution derived using the 2020-21 FAFSA application. Undergraduate students will need to file a 2020-21 FAFSA to be considered for these awards.

²A 2020-21 ([FAFSA](#)) or an [affidavit](#) is required for graduate students to receive these funds.

To receive a **CRRSA Act Technology Grant** at UC Riverside, students must have met the following criteria:

- Be an incoming First Year student enrolled at least half-time in fall quarter, 2021
- Be eligible to participate in programs under § 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 which includes but is not limited to:
 - Must be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen
 - Have a valid Social Security Number
 - Registered for Selective Service (males only), and
 - Have a high school diploma, GED, or completion of high school in an approved homeschool setting, and
- File a 2021-22 [FAFSA](#) and have an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of 0.

Amongst students who met the above criteria, the grants were awarded as follows:

Undergraduate Dependent and Independent Students (Incoming First Year Students)	
EFC ¹ of \$0	\$ 1,000

¹EFC is the Expected Family Contribution derived using the 2021-22 FAFSA application. Undergraduate students will need to file a 2021-22 FAFSA to be considered for these awards.

To receive an **ARP Act Emergency Grant** (round 2) at UC Riverside, students must meet the following criteria:

- Be active and enrolled at least half time on the date the CRRSAA Emergency Grant is awarded
- Undergraduate students must file a 2021-22 [FAFSA](#) or 2021-22 [CA DREAM ACT \(CADAA\)](#) application and meet eligibility criteria under § 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, or California DREAM Act eligibility criteria
- Graduate students may file a 2021-22 [FAFSA](#) or 2021-22 [CA DREAM ACT \(CADAA\)](#) application, or complete an [Affidavit/Application](#)
- International students must file an [affidavit/application for international students](#) indicating they have need due to the COVID pandemic.

Amongst students who meet the above criteria, the grants are awarded as follows:

Undergraduate Dependent Students	
EFC ¹ of \$0 to \$2,000 (lowest family contribution)	\$ 2,400
EFC ¹ of \$2,001 to \$5,846 (up to Pell Grant-eligible)	\$ 1,900
EFC ¹ of \$5,847 to \$20,000	\$ 1,200

Undergraduate Independent Students	
Students with children (student parents)	\$ 3,500
EFC ¹ of \$0 to \$2,000 (lowest family income)	\$ 2,800
EFC ¹ of \$2,001 to \$5,846 (up to Pell Grant-eligible)	\$ 2,400
EFC ¹ of \$5,847 to \$20,000	\$ 1,700

Graduate Students²	
Students with children (student parents)	\$ 3,500
All other graduate students ²	\$ 1,700

International Students³	
Undergraduate students	\$ 1,000
Graduate students	\$ 1,000

¹EFC is the Expected Family Contribution derived using the 2021-22 [FAFSA](#) or [CADAA](#) application. Undergraduate students will need to file a 2021-22 FAFSA or 2021-22 CADAA application to be consider for these awards.

² A 2021-22 [FAFSA](#), [CADAA](#), or an [affidavit](#) is required for graduate students to receive these funds

³ Will need to submit an [international affidavit](#) indicating they have COVID related emergency need.

Communication

All students who received a CRRSAA Emergency Grant were sent a CRRSAA Emergency Grant notification email upon awarding. Likewise, all students who receive an ARP Act Emergency Grant are sent an ARP Act Emergency Grant notification email upon awarding. Please see text for both emails below. In addition, UC Riverside maintains a HEERF Funding FAQ page at: <https://financialaid.ucr.edu/HEERF-Funding>.

CRRSAA Emergency Grant notification email:

Dear Student,

UCR is happy to inform you that you have been awarded a Federal CRRSAA Emergency Grant

The U.S. Department of Education has recently distributed funding to UCR for emergency financial assistance grants to students under the Congressional Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA). Federal CRRSAA grants are intended to assist students with economic hardships related to disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Funds may be used “for any component of the student’s cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care” (Department of Education, 1/14/2021).

Your Federal CRRSAA Emergency Grant has been posted to your [R'Web](#) Student Account and will be issued directly to you as a cash grant. You may view your award on the Financial Aid Award Overview tab on [R'Web](#).

If you have previously signed up for Direct Deposit, you should receive the funds in your bank account within two to three business days. Otherwise, your grant will be mailed to you at your permanent address on [R'Web](#). Please note that due to the current campus closure and limited mail service, there may be an additional delay in receiving your funds. Now is an important time to sign up for Direct Deposit to expedite receipt of future credit balances on your account.

The Financial Aid Office joins campus leadership, faculty, and staff in wishing you a successful winter and spring quarter. We know that this continues to be an unprecedented and challenging time.

The Financial Aid Office
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The following email was sent to graduate students with instructions on how to apply (please see text below)

IMPORTANT NEWS:

Dear Student,

You may potentially qualify to receive emergency grant assistance from the Federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) via the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) program due to the COVID-19 pandemic impact on higher education if you meet the provisions for federal financial aid.

How do I apply?

There are two options to apply for a Federal CRRSAA Emergency Grant.

- Apply by filing a 2020-21 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to have your eligibility evaluated. [File your FAFSA](#) now. UCR's School code = 001316. This will also provide you with the option of applying for Federal Direct Loans if you need additional funds to cover your expenses.
- From your R'Mail e-mail account, click on the link to complete the [Federal CRRSAA Emergency Grant Eligibility Affidavit](#), complete, and submit this form.

What are the deadlines to apply?

Students must submit the Federal CRRSAA Emergency Grant Eligibility Affidavit or complete a FAFSA and submit any required documents no later than **June 1, 2021** to qualify for a Federal CRRSAA Emergency Grant payment. You will receive notification via e-mail if any other documents are required on [R'Web](#).

Does the Federal CRRSAA grant money need to be repaid?

No, money received through this fund does not need to be repaid.

How will I receive my Federal CRRSAA grant?

Your Federal CRRSAA Grant will be posted to [R'Web](#) Student Account and will be issued directly to you bypassing any current outstanding balances on your student account, but you can always go back and pay your balance due on your student account using these funds.

If you have not previously done so, please sign up for Direct Deposit on R'Web to expedite receipt of your Federal CRRSAA emergency grant assistance.

The following email was sent to students who are currently not signed up for direct deposit to encourage them to do so in order to expedite receipt of Emergency Grant funds:

Emergency Grants Coming Soon!

Dear Student,

The University of California, Riverside has received additional Coronavirus Emergency Funds which will be awarded to qualifying enrolled students during the month of **November**. These funds are intended to assist students with COVID-19 pandemic related emergency needs and economic hardships. You do not need to apply for these emergency grant funds. You will automatically be awarded in November if you are eligible. Awards for qualifying students will be posted to student accounts on [R'Web](#) and will be issued as cash grants to recipients.

If you have not previously done so, now is an important time to sign up for Direct Deposit to expedite receipt of future account credit balances via electronic deposit into your bank account. Direct Deposit allows for a secure, fast, and more convenient way to access your refund. Direct Deposits are generated on a nightly basis (Monday through Friday) and may be deposited to checking and/or savings accounts at any bank or credit union in the United States. The emergency funds will be refunded to you directly via direct deposit or refund check to the local address on file. The emergency funds will not pay toward any charges on your student account.

Sign up for Direct Deposit via [R'Web](#) on the "Student Accounts" tab and click on the "Student Account Online" link.

Students who are not in the Direct Deposit program face a delay in receiving these funds, as refund checks are generated once a week and are mailed to the local address listed on [R'Web](#).

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The following email was sent to recipients of CRRSA Act Technology Grants:

Dear Student,

UCR is happy to inform you that you have been awarded a Federal CRRSA Act Technology Grant.

The U.S. Department of Education has recently distributed supplemental funding to UCR for emergency technology grants to new low-income freshmen students under the Congressional Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA). Federal CRRSA Act Technology Grants are intended to assist students with the purchase of new technology equipment and/or to reimburse expenses for items already purchased for this year. You are receiving this grant because your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) is zero.

Your Federal CRRSA Act Technology Grant has been posted to your [R'Web](#) Student Account and will be issued directly to you as a cash grant. You may view your award on the Financial Aid Award Overview tab on [R'Web](#).

If you have previously signed up for Direct Deposit, you should receive the funds in your bank account within two to three business days. Otherwise, your grant will be mailed to you at your local address on [R'Web](#).

The Financial Aid Office joins campus leadership, faculty, and staff in wishing you a successful fall quarter.

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The following email was sent to recipients of ARP Act Emergency Grants:

Dear Student,

UCR is happy to inform you that you have been awarded a Federal ARP Act Emergency Grant

The U.S. Department of Education has recently distributed funding to UCR for emergency financial assistance grants to students under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Federal ARP Act Emergency Grants are intended to assist students with economic hardships related to disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Funds may be used for any component of the student's cost of attendance or for financial hardship expenses that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care.

Your Federal ARP Act Emergency Grant has been posted to your [R'Web](#) Student Account and will be issued directly to you as a cash grant. You may view your award on the Financial Aid Award Overview tab on [R'Web](#).

If you have previously signed up for Direct Deposit, you should receive the funds in your bank account within two to three business days. Otherwise, your grant will be mailed to you at your local address on [R'Web](#). Please note that this may result in an additional delay in receiving your funds. We strongly encourage you to sign up for Direct Deposit via [R'Web](#) on the "Student Accounts" tab and click on the "Student Account Online" link to expedite receipt of future credit balances on your account.

The Financial Aid Office joins campus leadership, faculty, and staff in wishing you a successful academic year.

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Quarterly Budget and Expenditure Reporting for HEERF I, II, and III (a)(1) Institutional Portion, (a)(2), and (a)(3), if applicable

Institution Name: _____ **Date of Report:** _____ **Covering Quarter Ending:** _____

PR/Award Number(s): P425F: _____ P425J: _____ P425K: _____ P425L: _____ P425M: _____ P425N: _____

Total Amount of Funds Awarded: Section (a)(1) Institutional Portion: _____ Section (a)(2): _____ Section (a)(3): _____ **Final Report?**

Category	Amount in (a)(1) institutional dollars	Amount in (a)(2) dollars, if applicable	Amount in (a)(3) dollars, if applicable	Explanatory Notes
Providing additional emergency financial aid grants to students. ¹				
Providing reimbursements for tuition, housing, room and board, or other fee refunds.				
Providing tuition discounts.				
Covering the cost of providing additional technology hardware to students, such as laptops or tablets, or covering the added cost of technology fees.				
Providing or subsidizing the costs of high-speed internet to students or faculty to transition to an online environment.				
Subsidizing off-campus housing costs due to dormitory closures or decisions to limit housing to one student per room; subsidizing housing costs to reduce housing density; paying for hotels or other off-campus housing for students who need to be isolated; paying travel expenses for students who need to leave campus early due to coronavirus infections or campus interruptions.				
Subsidizing food service to reduce density in eating facilities, to provide pre-packaged meals, or to add hours to food service operations to accommodate social distancing.				
Costs related to operating additional class sections to enable social distancing, such as those for hiring more instructors and increasing campus hours of operations.				

¹ To support expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus consistent with applicable law. This includes eligible expenses under a student’s cost of attendance under CARES Act Section 18004(c), or any component of a student’s cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care), or child care, per Section 314(c) of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), and Section 2003 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP).

Category	Amount in (a)(1) institutional dollars	Amount in (a)(2) dollars, if applicable	Amount in (a)(3) dollars, if applicable	Explanatory Notes
Campus safety and operations. ²				
Purchasing, leasing, or renting additional instructional equipment and supplies (such as laboratory equipment or computers) to reduce the number of students sharing equipment or supplies during a class period and to provide time for disinfection between uses.				
Replacing lost revenue from academic sources. ³				
Replacing lost revenue from auxiliary services sources (i.e., cancelled ancillary events; disruption of food service, dorms, childcare, or other facilities; cancellation of use of campus venues by other organizations, lost parking revenue, etc.). ³				
Purchasing faculty and staff training in online instruction; or paying additional funds to staff who are providing training in addition to their regular job responsibilities.				
Purchasing, leasing, or renting additional equipment or software to enable distance learning, or upgrading campus wi-fi access or extending open networks to parking lots or public spaces, etc.				
Other Uses of (a)(1) Institutional Portion funds. ⁴				
Other Uses of (a)(2) or (a)(3) funds, if applicable. ⁵				
Quarterly Expenditures for Each Program				
Total of Quarterly Expenditures				

² Including costs or expenses related to the disinfecting and cleaning of dorms and other campus facilities, purchases of personal protective equipment (PPE), purchases of cleaning supplies, adding personnel to increase the frequency of cleaning, the reconfiguration of facilities to promote social distancing, etc.

³ Please see the Department’s [HEERF Lost Revenue FAQs](#) (March 19, 2021) for more information regarding what may be appropriately included in an estimate of lost revenue.

⁴ Please post additional documentation as appropriate and briefly explain in the “Explanatory Notes” section. Please note that funds for (a)(1) Institutional Portion may be used to defray expenses associated with coronavirus (including lost revenue, reimbursement for expenses already incurred, technology costs associated with a transition to distance education, faculty and staff trainings, and payroll).

⁵ Please post additional documentation as appropriate and briefly explain in the “Explanatory Notes” section. Please note that funds for (a)(2) and (a)(3) may be used to defray expenses associated with coronavirus (including lost revenue, reimbursement for expenses already incurred, technology costs associated with a transition to distance education, faculty and staff trainings, and payroll).

Form Instructions

Completing the Form: On each form, fill out the institution of higher education (IHE or institution) name, the date of the report, the appropriate quarter the report covers (September 30, December 31, March 31, June 30), the 11-digit PR/Award Number (number is found in Box 2 of your Grant Award Notification (GAN)) for each HEERF grant funding stream as applicable, the total amount of funds awarded by the Department (including reserve funds if awarded), and check the box if the report is a “final report.” Institutions that expended HEERF grant funds during the calendar quarter from January 1 – March 30, 2021 are required to post the quarterly report that involved the expenditure of HEERF II CRRSAA and HEERF I CARES Act funds. The Department did not previously affirmatively indicate this reporting requirement was in place for HEERF II CRRSAA funds. As such, institutions may have until the end of the second calendar quarter, June 30, 2021, to post these retroactive reports if they have not already done so. As of the July 10, 2021 quarterly reporting deadline, institutions are encouraged, but not required to, submit the quarterly reports (this institutional reporting form and the student quarterly report) to the Department by emailing those reports as PDF attachments to HEERFreporting@ed.gov.

In the chart, an institution must specify the amount of expended HEERF I, II, and III funds for each funding category: (a)(1) Institutional Portion; (a)(2), and (a)(3), if applicable. (a)(2) funds include Assistance Listing Numbers (ALNs) 84.425J (Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)), 84.425K (Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs)), 84.425L (Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs)), 84.425M (Strengthening Institutions Program (SIP)); (a)(3) funds are for ALN 84.425N (Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) Formula Grant) and 84.425S (SAIHE). Each category is deliberately broad and may not capture specific grant program requirements. Explanatory footnotes help clarify certain reporting categories. While some items in the chart are blocked out, please note that the blocking of such items is consistent with Department guidance and FAQs and is not definitive. Provide brief explanatory notes for how funds were expended, including the title and brief description of each project or activity in which funds were expended. Do not include personally identifiable information (PII). Calculate the amount of the (a)(1) Institutional Portion, (a)(2) and (a)(3) funds in the “Quarterly Expenditures for each Program” row, and the grand total of all three in the “Total of Quarterly Expenditures” row. Round expenditures to the nearest dollar. If there is no expenditure to report for a given cell, fill it with a “0.” Please refrain from using any symbols throughout the form, including but not limited to “>” or “~.”

Posting the Form: This form must be conspicuously posted on the institution’s primary website on the same page the reports of the IHE’s activities as to the emergency financial aid grants to students made with funds from the IHE’s allocation under (a)(1) of the CARES Act, CRRSAA, and ARP (Student Aid Portion) are posted. It must be posted as a PDF. No handwritten or scanned PDFs are allowed. Please refrain from adding additional material to the uploaded form. The PDF must be named in the following manner: [8- digit OPEID]_[Survey Name]_[Quarter/Year]_[Date of Release]. For example, 01177600_HEERF_Q32021_101021. The 8-digit OPEID can be found at the [DAPIP website](#) or the [NCES website](#). In the event a DUNS number applies to multiple OPEIDs, use the OPEID for the campus with the highest enrollment. The quarter pertains to the calendar year, following the same cadence the reporting periods follows. The date of release should be reported as the deadline for form submission, 10 days after the end of each reporting period. A new separate form must be posted covering each quarterly reporting period (September 30, December 31, March 31, June 30), concluding after either (1) posting the quarterly report ending September 30, 2023 or (2) when an institution has expended and liquidated all (a)(1) Institutional Portion, (a)(2), and (a)(3) funds and checks the “final report” box. IHEs must post this quarterly report form no later than 10 days after the end of each calendar quarter (October 10, January 10, April 10, July 10). Each quarterly report must be separately maintained in a PDF document linked directly from the IHE’s HEERF reporting webpage. Reports must be maintained for at least three years after the submission of the final report per 2 CFR § 200.333. Any changes or updates after initial posting must be conspicuously noted after initial posting and the date of the change must be noted in the “Date of Report” line.

Paperwork Burden Statement

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless such collection displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 1840-0849. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2 hours per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering, and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Under the PRA, participants are required to respond to this collection to obtain or retain benefit. If you have any comments concerning the accuracy of the time estimate or suggestions for improving this individual collection, or if you have comments or concerns regarding the status of your individual form, application, or survey, please contact HEERFreporting@ed.gov, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202.