

Dear UWM Graduate Students,

I know that many of you have been affected by the coronavirus pandemic and the resulting disruption of campus operations. **New emergency grants are available to help you, but it is important for you to apply by Tuesday, May 12.** <https://uwm.edu/deanofstudents/resources/cares-grant/>

If you have questions about eligibility or the grant application process, email cares-grant@uwm.edu.

By now, you may have heard that UWM has received nearly \$8.5 million through the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to help students who are struggling with expenses such as food, housing, course materials, laptops and technology, health care and child care.

All applications submitted by May 12 will be considered. Applications submitted after that will be considered on a rolling basis until funds run out. Because funding is limited, I strongly encourage you to apply by the May 12 deadline. The grant application is short and can be completed quickly: <https://uwm.edu/deanofstudents/resources/cares-grant/>

To qualify for a CARES grant, you must:

- Have been financially impacted by the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus. Eligible expenses include food, housing, course materials, laptops and other technology, health care and child care. Here are some examples:
 - Signing up for home internet service to complete your online coursework
 - Buying a laptop or other computer equipment to do coursework
 - Buying groceries after campus dining operations closed
 - Paying a fee to end your lease early or rent for an apartment that you are no longer living in
- Be enrolled in a degree or certificate program eligible for federal (Title IV) financial aid.
 - Most UWM programs are eligible.
 - Note that nondegree students are not eligible.
- Have filed a 2019-20 or 2020-21 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in order to document eligibility to participate in federal (Title IV) programs. If you have not already completed a FAFSA, you should do so at fafsa.gov. Primary eligibility requirements include having a valid Social Security number, being a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen, and if required, being registered with the Selective Service.
- Have been enrolled in **at least one** in-person or hybrid class on March 13, 2020, when President Trump issued his “Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak” proclamation.
 - Students who were enrolled exclusively in online courses on March 13, 2020, are not eligible.

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