



Faculty and Staff Update-May 7, 2020

Dear Staff and Faculty,

JCU CARES Act-full information (thanks to Erica Kennedy):

If any of your students are experiencing unexpected hardships because of COVID-19 and the disruption to campus activities, please direct them to the JCU CARES Act website: <https://jcu.edu/research/cares-act-emergency-funds>

As part of the federal CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act funds, which provides funding for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19, JCU will receive \$2,224,405. One-half of these funds, or \$1,112,203, must be awarded for emergency financial aid grants to students.

On Monday, May 4th, all students received an email with information about the CARES Act funding, eligibility information, and a link to an application to request emergency funds. We are asking faculty and staff to refer students to the JCU CARES Act [website](#) if they have emergency financial needs related to COVID-19.

Eligibility

Per the US Department of Education, in order to be eligible for consideration of funding, the student must:

- Have been enrolled at JCU after March 13, 2020
- Have a 2019-2020 FAFSA application on file with JCU to confirm eligibility.
- Have experienced a financial hardship as a result of the disruption of education due to the coronavirus.

Please Note: International, non-US citizen, dual-credit, CCP non-degree-seeking students, students exclusively enrolled in online courses, or students who withdrew from classes prior to March 13, 2020, are not eligible for CARES Act funding.

Allowable Expenses

The CARES Act emergency financial aid grants for students are intended for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19 in specific areas:

- Food
- Housing
- Course Materials
- Technology
- Health Care
- Childcare Expenses
- Travel
- Other Expenses (expenses that do not fit any of the above)

More information about the CARES Act, FAQs, and the application can be found [here](#).

Application Deadline

The [application](#) is due on **May 15, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. EST**. Decisions will be released on June 5th.

Questions

Please contact caresact@jcu.edu

Stay well,

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