



April 20, 2020

Dear National University Students,

On Thursday, March 9, 2020, the U.S. Department of Education provided guidance to universities for the distribution of emergency cash grants to college students whose lives and educations have been disrupted by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. These grants will be funded by a \$14 billion [Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund](#) authorized by the recently passed Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

The grants will provide emergency funds for students, including eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care. National University received \$2.28 million for student grant aid. This specific grant aid is available to all student populations, regardless of Title IV eligibility. The University is currently working on an application process for students to help prioritize access to these grants.

In addition to grant aid received through the CARES Act, National University has taken steps to support students. The University has implemented the following accommodations and support in an effort to further assist students:

- Deployed virtual wraparound student support services for all students, including Wellness, Academic & Student Finance Advising, Tutoring, and Career Services. Information on these services can be found at <https://www.nu.edu/student-services/>.
- Student Wellness can help with a variety of issues:
  - Mental health concerns (anxiety, depression, etc.)
  - Housing, financial, and food insecurities
  - Financial wellness and budgeting
  - Solutions-focused and options counseling
  - Referrals to University and community resources
- Student Finance has extended payment due dates for current terms through June 30, 2020. For any questions or concerns, contact [stuact@nu.edu](mailto:stuact@nu.edu) or [finaidinfo@nu.edu](mailto:finaidinfo@nu.edu).
- Student Business Services has extended payment due dates until June 30, 2020, for students who are currently set up on an existing payment arrangement for March, April, May, and June 2020. Payments may be deferred by contacting [SBSAdvisor@nu.edu](mailto:SBSAdvisor@nu.edu).
- NU Institution loan payments and accrual of interest have been suspended through September 2020 with 0% interest, which aligns with [federal student loans](#) per the U.S. Department of Education. Institution loan questions should be submitted to [PerkNUhelp@nu.edu](mailto:PerkNUhelp@nu.edu).

Updated information regarding the grant application and available amounts will be sent via email by April 24, 2020. For questions regarding financial aid, visit [student.aid.gov](http://student.aid.gov) or contact [finaidinfo@nu.edu](mailto:finaidinfo@nu.edu).

Please continue to stay safe, and visit [nu.edu/coronavirus](http://nu.edu/coronavirus) for updates on NU's response to COVID-19.

