

University of Advancing Technology (UAT)

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) - Policies and Procedures Public Notice - Spring 2021 Semester (updated May 4, 2021)

This public notice is posted on UAT's main website (www.uat.edu) in accordance with U.S. Department of Education guidance.

- UAT signed and returned to the U.S. Department of Education the HEERF Certification and Agreement indicating at least 50% of any funding it will use under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act will provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
- UAT has been authorized to draw up to \$759,682 in HEERF funding. Half of any funds used by the institution will be disbursed directly to eligible students.
- As of **May 4, 2021**, a total of **\$431,055** has been disbursed to students.
- Disbursements were made to every active student on the disbursement date who met the U.S. Department of Education eligibility requirements. Of the 831 students in attendance at the time of disbursement for the Spring 2021 semester, 326 were determined to meet those eligibility requirements.
- Of the 326 students meeting the U.S. Department of Education requirements at the time of disbursement for the Spring 2021 semester, 214 have received HEERF CARES Act disbursements.
- UAT's first goal was to make an initial disbursement to all students who met federal criteria as soon as possible. These requirements state that eligible students are undergraduate and graduate students who transitioned from on-ground or SyncFlex classes into a virtual format who are actively enrolled and participating in all courses for the Spring semester. Students who attended online courses only during the Spring 2021 term are not eligible, consistent with Department of Education directives. Students must also be SAP-compliant or appeal their SAP-non compliant status to be eligible. Employees and employee scholarship dependents are not included. In order to support students throughout periods of high COVID impact, disbursements were allocated each term.
 - Approximately 30% of the minimum allocation was disbursed during the week of October 19, 2020 to active students. Awards were \$300 per eligible student.
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 - Approximately 40% of the minimum allocation was disbursed during the week of February 22, 2021 to active students. Awards were \$400 per eligible student.
 - The remaining funding was disbursed during the week of April 26, 2021 to active students. This final disbursement of HEERF funds was additional emergency financial aid granted to students from the balance of the HEERF institutional funds awarded. Awards were \$210 per eligible student.
- Additional funding could be requested based on extreme hardships. An application process is available for students with exceptional COVID related hardships for consideration of additional amounts, provided they otherwise meet Department of Education criteria, subject to availability of funds. Students signed an electronic version through PandaDoc.
- Students have been notified in all communications that any funds they receive must be used for COVID related disruptions they have or will experience in transitioning to online education. Eligible expenses could include: food, housing, course materials, health care, childcare, and technology-related expenses. Students also were notified of an option to opt-out of their portion of the grant in order to provide larger distributions to other students with greater financial need. 15 students have made such notifications and will not be included in student disbursements.

