

University of Advancing Technology (UAT)

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) - Policies and Procedures Public notice (updated July 16, 2020)

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 July 16, \$137,500 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 742 students in attendance at the time of disbursement, 363 were determined to meet those eligibility requirements.

Of the 363 students meeting the U.S. Department of Education requirements at the time of disbursement, 275 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 summer semester. Students who attended online courses only during the Summer 2020 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 will be allocated each term (module) while funding lasts.

Approximately 25% of the minimum allocation to be awarded for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students was disbursed starting the week of May 25, 2020 to active students. Awards were \$200 per eligible student.

Approximately 25% of the minimum allocation was disbursed during the week of July 13, 2020. Awards were \$300 per eligible student.

Approximately 50% is planned to be disbursed during the fall term. Awards TBD.

Additional funding available will be disbursed in the Summer 2020 term and awarded by request 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. 11 students have made such notifications and will not be included in student disbursements.