



Office of the President

January 8, 2021

To the entire university community

CARES ACT REPORT ON THE UTILIZATION AND PROCESSING OF FINANCIAL AID FUNDS EMERGENCY FOR STUDENTS

The Universidad Central de Bayamón (UCB) notifies the institutional community that it has signed and presented an agreement with the Secretary of Education where it is established that he will receive the amount of \$958,454, of which at least 50% of the funds received under Section 18004 (a) (1) of the CARES Act is intended to be awarded to students in the form of funds of emergency financial assistance as provided by the agreement.

For such purposes, 90 days after signing this agreement, the institution has received the amount of \$479,227 earmarked for the use of emergency financial aid for students. Of the funds received for students 90 days after they were received, disbursed the amount of \$428,250.00, to those students who completed the form of Acceptance and Commitment for the granting of funds. The Universidad Central de Bayamón (UCB) estimates that the funds received will impact some 1,320 undergraduate and graduate level students.

As of the date of this report (90 days after signing the agreement with the Secretary of Education of the United States), the Universidad Central de Bayamón (UCB) has impacted 1,137 students with CARES Act emergency financial relief funds.

The Universidad Central de Bayamón determined the eligibility, selection and assignment process and distribution of these funds according to the institutional Policy and procedure for granting of CARES Act funds for students, institutional policy and procedure designed to these purposes. It was reviewed and updated according to the change in the guidelines and requirements of eligibility for the granting of HEERF CARES Act funds to students who submitted the May 21, 2020 and as requested by the United States Congress to the Secretary of the United States Department of Education on May 1, 2020 (for changes to the guides can be accessed at the following link <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-02-26/pdf/2020-03811.pdf>).

The students received an institutional communication informing them about the assignment of these funds and the eligibility process for them. You may obtain a copy of this communication by accessing the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Updates section or requesting Printed copy to the Dean of Student Affairs.

Annexes

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To all the students of the Universidad Central de Bayamón;

DISTRIBUTION OF THE EMERGENCY FUND FOR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS UNDER THE CARES ACT

Receive a cordial greeting and we pray to God that upon receipt of this statement you and your family are well. As we had indicated, the Universidad Central de Bayamón (UCB) was waiting for the United States Department of Education (DoE) to approve and disburse the amount assigned to the institution from the emergency assistance funds for students from institutions post-secondary (“Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund” – HEERF of the CARES ACT) and submit the guidelines on the method in which they should be distributed to students, before proceeding to make the payment of the funds. In addition, we inform you that the amount of aid to be awarded to each student will be subject to the level of study, status (full or part time), as well as the financial need criteria established for the granting of financial aid for Title programs. IV. Yesterday, UCB received the granting of the funds and the approval to make the distribution of the payments and the conditions to carry them out.

As stipulated in the guidelines submitted by the DoE, students must meet the eligibility provisions for financial aid from Title IV programs in order to receive funds. Section 484 of the Higher Education Act stipulates that a student eligible to receive funds from Title IV programs must:

- Be enroll/enrolled in a degree or certificate program. (Excludes enrolled students who do not have a degree at UCB and those who have withdrawn completely at the time the funds are awarded.)
- Not be enrolled in elementary or secondary school.
- Have satisfactory academic progress. (Excludes students who for any reason did not meet the standard of satisfactory academic progress, Executive Order ADM 14-04 and did not request the appeal process or do not comply with the improvement plan).
- Not be in default on a student loan with funds from Title IV programs and/or have been declared delinquent.
- Have presented, "as part of the verification process of your financial aid application", in the cases in which it applies, a certification that includes:
 - or a statement of educational purpose, at the request of the Department of Education.
 - or the student's SSN card.

- Be a US citizen or national, permanent resident, or other eligible non-citizen. (So it excludes international students who only have a study or companion visa.)
- Have fraudulently returned Title IV funds if convicted by a jury or have entered a guilty plea or no contest.
- Not have fraudulently received loans from Title IV programs that exceed annual or aggregate limits.
- Have repaid Title IV program loan amounts in excess of annual or aggregate limits if inadvertently obtained.
- Have a Selective Service record (in the case of men).
- Have a valid social security number.
- Not have a federal or state conviction for possession or sale of drugs, with certain time limitations.

Given these conditions, students who qualify to participate in emergency aid will be receiving the following amounts. The left column (EFC) refers to the status of financial assistance programs.

	Subgraduado		Graduado		Esc. Teología	
	FT (12 crdts. ó más)	PT (11 a 3 crdts.)	FT (6 crdts. ó más)	PT (5 a 3 crdts.)	FT (6 crdts. ó más)	PT (5 a 3 crdts.)
EFC 0	\$450	\$300	\$500	\$350	\$500	\$350
EFC 1-2500	\$300	\$250	\$350	\$300	\$350	\$300
EFC 2501- 5576	\$200	\$150	\$250	\$200	\$250	\$200
EFC 5577 o mas	\$100	\$50	\$150	\$100	\$150	\$100

FT - Tiempo completo (Full time) PT - Tiempo parcial (Part Time)

Each student was notified of the EFC upon receiving the response when submitting the FAFSA for the 2019-2020 academic year. If you need to verify your EFC, you can access the federal system's website at fafsa.ed.gov. The payment of emergency assistance funds for students will be processed to be disbursed on May 13, 2020. Those students who have direct deposit will receive it to the account they have registered for such purposes. To facilitate and process payments expeditiously, it is recommended that those students who do not have an account registered for direct deposit do so and for this we include the Direct Deposit Authorization document, or they will receive the payment via regular mail to the address that have registered in the system.

We urge you to stay informed through institutional email and to continue observing the due health, safety and social distancing measures. We pray to God to continue protecting each member of the university community and their families. With God's help, together we will overcome this situation.

Cordially,

(Signed)

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