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TO THE UNIVERSIDAD CENTRAL DE BAYAMÓN (UCB) COMMUNITY

Carmen J. Cividanes-Lago, EdM, DPhil, CPsychol, AFBPsS
President

HIGHER EDUCATION EMERGENCY RELIEF FUNDS (HEERF): EMERGENCY FINANCIAL AID FUNDS FOR STUDENTS QUARTERLY REPORT (JULY 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2021)

On April 14, 2020, Universidad Central de Bayamón (UCB) submitted the signed agreement to the US Department of Education (DoE). This agreement describes the institution's commitment to use no less than fifty (50) percent of the funds, received under Section 18004 (a)(1) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, to provide emergency financial aid grants to students. Furthermore, on January 17, 2021, and May 25, 2021, UCB acknowledged receipt of supplemental funding, as authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act 2021 (CRRSAA) and the American Rescue Plan (ARP).

UCB has served a total of 1,328 undergraduate and graduate students from March 2020 to September 2021. Under CRRSAA and ARP, UCB has received a total of \$4,187,426 for Emergency Financial Aid Grants for its students and as of September 30, 2021, the total amount distributed has been \$907,925.

We estimate that 973 students will be eligible to receive funds during the next quarter. The breakdown of the students served by semester is the following:

- March-June 2020: 782 students
- August-December 2020: 340 students
- January-June 2021: 915 students

Consistent with the DoE guidelines, UCB determined the eligibility criteria and distribution procedures for its students' grants, prioritizing students with greater need according to their EFC. The eligibility criteria and distribution procedures were informed to all students via several communications (see enclosures).

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Enclosures

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Office of the President

October 7, 2021

TO THE ENTIRE STUDENT COMMUNITY

(signed)

Carmen J. Cividanes-Lago, EdM DPhil CPpsychol AFBPsP
President

RE: DISTRIBUTION OF EMERGENCY FUND FOR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARP)

Greetings from the Universidad Central de Bayamón (UCB)!

UCB received the new allocation of emergency assistance funds for eligible students from Higher Education Institutions, Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF III), American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act. The Federal Department of Education announced the final rule of eligibility to receive these emergency financial aid grants for students under HEERF III, 86 FR 26608. In it the term student is defined for HEERF programs as any person who is enrolled in an eligible institution, as defined in 34 CFR § 668.2 and 34 CFR § 600.2, on or after March 13, 2020, date of the declaration of the national emergency due to coronavirus (85 FR 15337). Therefore, the students are no longer required to be Title IV eligible to receive aid under HEERF III of the ARP Act. Students eligible to receive this aid are:

- Active students who are enrolled in a degree or certificate program at UCB, regardless of whether they completed a FAFSA aid application or are eligible for Title IV.
- Must be US citizens, permanent residents, refugees, asylum seekers, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival Recipients (DACA), other DREAMers or undocumented.

Given these conditions, students eligible to receive emergency aid funds will be receiving the quantities detailed in the following table. The left column, Expected Family Contribution (EFC), is refers to the financial need of the student, as determined by the FAFSA, and the other columns correspond to the level of studies and the academic load (Full-Time or Part-Time, according to the number of credits enrolled). Please visit the federal web portal, www.fafsa.ed.gov, to find out your EFC or complete the FAFSA.

	Subgraduado		Graduado		Escuela Graduada de Teología y Ministerio (EGTM)	
	FT	PT	FT	PT	FT	PT
	(12 créditos ó más)	(11 a 3 créditos)	(6 créditos ó más)	(5 a 3 créditos)	(6 créditos ó más)	(5 a 3 créditos)
EFC 0	\$2,000	\$1,940	\$1,882	\$1,825	\$1,882	\$1,825
EFC 1-2500	\$1,940	\$1,882	\$1,825	\$1,771	\$1,825	\$1,771
EFC 2501-5576	\$1,880	\$1,824	\$1,769	\$1,716	\$1,769	\$1,716
EFC 5577 o más	\$1,820	\$1,765	\$1,712	\$1,661	\$1,712	\$1,661
Sin EFC	\$1,760	\$1,707	\$1,656	\$1,606	\$1,656	\$1,606
Sin EFC - Internacionales	\$1,760	\$1,707	\$1,656	\$1,606	\$1,656	\$1,606

FT - *Full-Time* [Tiempo completo] PT - *Part-Time* [Tiempo parcial]

Also, please complete the following form: ARP/HEERF III Funding Acceptance Form on or before on October 13, 2021 in order to receive the funds. You can access the form through the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/iLhzLT0Spe>

Students who have completed the Acceptance Form will receive payment via postal mail to the address that they have registered in the system or through direct deposit in the account that they have registered for such purposes. It is recommended that students who do not have an account registered for direct deposit contact the Treasury Office to complete this process. Those students who have suffered changes in their economic circumstances due to COVID-19 and wish to a review of their EFC should contact the Financial Aid Office.

We urge you to continue using the masks, maintain physical distancing and avoid crowding to together support health and safety strategies. UCB rigorously complies with protection guidelines issued by federal and state public health authorities, such as the PR Department of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDCs) and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration Occupational Health of Puerto Rico (PROSHA).

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Annexes

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Signed on October 7, 2021
Translated January 30, 2023



Office of the President

January 28, 2021

To all the students of the Universidad Central de Bayamón;

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

Receive a cordial greeting and we pray to God that upon receipt of this statement you and your family are well. The Universidad Central de Bayamón (UCB), received on January 17, 2021 the new allocation of emergency assistance funds for students from post-secondary institutions ("Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act", section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA 2021) for eligible students. 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 IV programs. As stipulated in the guidelines submitted by the United States Department of Education (DoE), on June 25, 2020, students must meet the eligibility provisions for financial aid from Title IV programs in order to receive the 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 eligible to receive emergency aid funds will be receiving the following amounts. The left column (EFC) refers to the status of financial assistance programs.

	Subgraduado		Graduado		EGTM	
	FT	PT	FT	PT	FT	PT
	(12 crdt. ó más)	(11 a 3 crdts.)	(6 crdts. ó más)	(5 a 3 crdts.)	(6 crdts. ó más)	(5 a 3 crdts.)
EFC 0	\$ 625	\$ 450	\$ 675	\$ 500	\$ 675	\$ 500
EFC 1-2500	\$ 475	\$ 400	\$ 525	\$ 450	\$ 525	\$ 450
EFC 2501-5576	\$ 375	\$ 300	\$ 425	\$ 350	\$ 425	\$ 350
EFC 5577 o mas	\$ 275	\$ 200	\$ 325	\$ 250	\$ 325	\$ 250
Sin EFC	\$ 275	\$ 200	\$ 325	\$ 250	\$ 325	\$ 250

FT - Tiempo complete (Full Time) PT - Tiempo parcial (Part Time)

Each student was notified of the EFC upon receiving the response when submitting the FAFSA for the 2020-2021 academic year. If you need to verify your EFC, you can access the federal system's website at fafsa.ed.gov. In addition, those students who have not completed the FAFSA and do not have an ISIR, must complete the Acceptance and Eligibility Commitment Form in all its parts, including the Certification of Eligibility section for Title IV funds, in order to receive emergency funds. HEERF CARES Act.

To receive the CRRSAA funds, you must complete the Acceptance and Commitment Form, on or before February 5, 2021, by accessing the following link:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=4Oy5WErJ-](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=4Oy5WErJ-0uq2907m6mM1bz9jhU3VLtAshwb4MgIaXpUMIBDU1VERUIYNIIXUUREOEFCTlpNOU5UTS4u)

[0uq2907m6mM1bz9jhU3VLtAshwb4MgIaXpUMIBDU1VERUIYNIIXUUREOEFCTlpNOU5UTS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=4Oy5WErJ-0uq2907m6mM1bz9jhU3VLtAshwb4MgIaXpUMIBDU1VERUIYNIIXUUREOEFCTlpNOU5UTS4u)

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 postal 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)

Ángel Valentín Román, M.Div. Acting President

Signed January 28, 2021 and Translated on January 30, 2023.



Office of the President

April 30, 2020

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.)
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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.

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EFC 2501- 5576	\$200	\$150	\$250	\$200	\$250	\$200
EFC 5577 o mas	\$100	\$50	\$150	\$100	\$150	\$100

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