

Version for Graduate Students

Subject: You Are Eligible for a HEERF Grant

Dear <STUDENT NAME>,

The University of Pennsylvania is the recipient of Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF) made available through both the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) and the American Rescue Plan (ARP). Penn is responsible for disbursing these HEERF funds to students with financial need related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Graduate and professional students enrolled in the 2021-2022 academic year are eligible for a HEERF grant of <\$\$\$\$\$>.

In order to receive this funding, you must complete a [HEERF Student Certification Form](#) confirming that you have outstanding expenses related to COVID-19 that are equal to or greater than the amount listed above and that those expenses have not been covered by other sources of financial aid. When you complete this form, you can choose to accept the full amount of your award, accept a reduced amount, or decline the award if you do not have eligible expenses.

Students can use HEERF Funds for any component of their cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to COVID-19, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care), or child care. Your funds will not be applied to any outstanding student account balances, will not impact your financial aid eligibility for the year, and will not be considered taxable income.

Students enrolled in direct deposit via Penn.Pay will receive an electronic deposit into their bank account. Students not enrolled in direct deposit via Penn.Pay will receive a check mailed to their Learning From Address on file in Penn InTouch. We strongly encourage all students to enroll in direct deposit to receive these funds quickly.

For more information about Penn's utilization of HEERF funds, visit our [HEERF FAQ](#), which will continue to be updated. If you have questions about how to receive your grant, please email PennHEERF@pobox.upenn.edu.

Sincerely,
Student Registration & Financial Services