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Subject: WashU Crisis Response Fund for Students

Dear University College Students:

You are receiving this letter as a University College student who is not a member of the university's staff.

We hope this message finds you and your loved ones safe and well. Please know we are thinking of you and working hard to find ways to support you during this very challenging time for everyone in our community.

We know that some of you are feeling quite unsettled, perhaps because of your home environment, a sense of isolation, worries about job or finances, food security or other health-related concerns. One of the ways that we can begin to support you is through a new fund called the **WashU Crisis Response Fund for Students**.

The WashU Crisis Response Fund for Students is designed to provide financial resources for Washington University students who, as a result of unexpected additional costs or loss of income, need emergency financial support to pay for essential needs, such as housing, food, and medicine, between March 15, 2020 and April 30, 2020. In mid-April, the University will reassess the Fund's capacity to determine whether it will be possible to provide further support to students beyond April 30th.

The WashU Crisis Response Fund for Students will endeavor to address essential needs that Student Financial Services and other additional support funds are unable to address. The following list includes some examples of categories that could be considered an essential need for a student and that may fall within the parameters for funding:

- Unexpected expenses for Non-University owned housing, including unexpected rent and utilities
- Groceries
- Medicine
- Unreimbursed co-pays for physical or mental health services

Please visit <https://webportalapp.com/sp/login/washu-studentcovidfund> for complete details on the WashU Crisis Response Fund for Students. If you wish to submit a request for a stipend, please carefully review the instructions on the form to ensure we can properly prioritize and respond to requests. **The deadline to submit a request for a stipend is Tuesday, April 7, 2020.** While we will make every effort to offer some emergency funding for stipend requests that meet the criteria laid out above, we know that it will not be possible for us to grant every

request. If you have questions about the Fund or would like to check in on the status of your application, please email studentcovidfund@wustl.edu.

We hope that this Fund will provide the basic resources to address pandemic-related hardships. We are committed to being part of your support system.

We know this is tough. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me, Elizabeth Fogt (director of advising, efogt@wustl.edu), or Heather Corcoran (interim dean, hcorcoran@wustl.edu) directly.

Thank you for your resilience and flexibility as we each play our part and do the important work of flattening the curve.

Sincerely,
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