

Unexpected financial circumstances can cause students stress and impact their ability to achieve and thrive. The Rady Office of Graduate Student Affairs may be able to provide limited emergency financial assistance to currently enrolled Rady School of Management Graduate students who are unable to meet immediate, essential expenses because of temporary hardship related to an unexpected situation. The fund is designated to off-set a short-term financial need and is not intended to replace or supplement financial aid. Funds are awarded as a grant, and unlike a loan, do not need to be repaid. Funds may count as income and may be subject to federal and/or state taxes.

Submission of the [Emergency Financial Assistance Form](#) does not guarantee funding. Students may only receive funding one-time per academic year. Should your request be denied, you are eligible to resubmit for funding. Before submitting a request, please research other options, listed below, as they may be able to provide the support you need.

Other Emergency Funding Sources

The Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships at UCSD also provides Short-Term Emergency Loans, additional information can be found at: <https://fas.ucsd.edu/types/loans/short-term-emergency-loans.html>.

UCSD - Basic Needs has Emergency Grants available, to learn more please contact the Graduate Division Dean of Student Affairs at 858-534-3550. More information can be found at: <https://basicneeds.ucsd.edu/financial-wellness/index.html>

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: The International Students & Programs Office has funding sources available, more information can be found at: <https://ispo.ucsd.edu/advising/financial/emergency-funding.html#Hick-Jones-Student-Loan>

APPLY:

Submit the Rady Graduate Student - Emergency Financial Assistance Request [form](#). Students should provide as much detail and documentation as possible.

ELIGIBILITY:

All graduate students at the Rady School of Management are potentially eligible for the Emergency Fellowship Funding including but not limited to students who are international and domestic, partially or fully funded. Each application will be reviewed by the Emergency Fellowship Committee to determine eligibility for this limited assistance.

SCOPE OF AWARDS:

Emergency Fellowships can range from \$100 to \$10,000 and can be used for demonstrated needs such as: academic technology/course materials; medical expenses; tuition/fees; academic advancement (such as graduate school exam fees); or personal/family emergencies.

Emergency and Opportunity Funding is not suited to address significant financial deficits; pay for ongoing living expenses such as rent or utilities during summers or when the University is operating with remote instruction; or fund

pleasure travel. Some applicants may be advised to seek alternative financial relief, such as borrowing a federal or private loan, applying for an external scholarship, or using a University-generated refund to meet the stated need.

Funds are limited and are awarded based on demonstrated emergency and available funds.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Students must complete the Rady Graduate Student - Emergency Financial Assistance Request for consideration and agree to meet with the Emergency Fellowship Committee to discuss their stated need, if requested. During this review process, students may be advised to consult with a financial aid advisor to discuss things such as changes in family finances and budgeting. Names and basic identifying information are redacted from the voting members' review materials.

ALLOCATION RUBRIC:

Degree of Emergency

4	The information provided indicates that the student is having a major emergency.
3	Information provided indicates a significant life change.
2	Information provided indicates an acute incident with possible long-term ramifications.
1	Information provided indicates a minor very acute incident.
0	Information provided indicates no emergency.

APPEAL PROCESS:

Students may pursue a one-time appeal per application in the event that they believe there was an error, misunderstanding, or bias in the evaluation of their application. Students must follow the appeal process as outlined below:

ORIGINAL APPLICATION SUBMISSION:

- Student submits application providing full detail and documentation for request consideration.
- Emergency Fellowship Committee evaluates application, notifies students of outcome via email.

APPEAL SUBMISSION:

- Student completes the [Emergency Fellowship Committee Appeal Form](#) via Qualtrics link. - Request is sent to the Director of Rady Grad Student Affairs for review. In the absence of a GSA Director, the Assistant Dean, Strategy and Operations will review appeal applications.
- Students will be notified of the appeal decision by email.
- Decisions made by the GSA Director or Assistant Dean will be final.