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Dear Scholar,

Illinois Tech has received funding to assist students, including graduate and professional students, with emergency grants through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act. The CRRSA specifically designates funds under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) model to distribute direct grant assistance to students to assist with any component of a student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus (examples may include tuition, food, housing, books and supplies, transportation, health care, or child care). The CRRSA also requires schools prioritize students with **exceptional need**.

Graduate students with a current valid Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) are invited to apply by completing the following steps:

1. Complete the [Student Assistance Form](#);
2. Select the Emergency Relief Grant option;
3. Indicate what expenses you are facing as a result of coronavirus;
4. Include any personal information about your personal situation so Financial Aid can best understand your circumstance and provide further support where possible;
5. Answer any follow-up questions sent to your Hawk email by a Financial Aid staff member.

Illinois Tech aims to assist as many students as possible with these limited relief funds while understanding that some students will have greater need than others. We encourage you to apply as soon as possible to be considered. Applications will be reviewed as received, and funds are limited. Note that due to high volume, application review may take up to three weeks.

Students awarded a HEERF grant will have the option to have the funds applied directly to their student bill or have the funds released to them directly.

The past year has presented many challenges and we are hopeful these funds will provide some relief for the financial needs students have experienced. Please reach out with any questions directly to the Office of Financial Aid.

Sincerely,

Office of Financial Aid

[finaid@iit.edu](mailto:finaid@iit.edu)

312-567-7219

**Email sent to:**

**Student (Banner ID/CWID) No.:**

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