



Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (“CRRSAA”)/ Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (“HEERF II”)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- [What is the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act \(“CRRSAA”\)?](#)

In January, the U.S. Department of Education (ED) announced additional funding available to institutions of higher education to serve students and ensure learning continues during the COVID-19 pandemic. This funding is allocated to the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA), which was signed into law on December 27, 2020. Eligible expenses include areas such as food, housing, utilities, course materials, technology, health care, child care, and moving/transportation expenses.

- [Who is eligible to receive funds?](#)

Current undergraduate and graduate degree-seeking on-campus and on-line students who were enrolled at AU as of April 5th, 2021 and who are eligible to apply for federal Title IV financial aid are eligible to apply for CRRASS (HERRF II) funds. Financial aid grants for students may be used for **any** component of the student’s cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care.

Please note: the CRRSAA (HEERF II) requires that institutions **prioritize students with exceptional need**, such as students who receive Pell Grants. However, students do not need to be only Pell recipients or students who are eligible for Pell grants.

International and undocumented students are not eligible.

- [What is the Title IV eligibility criteria?](#)

Section 484 of the HEA states that Title IV-eligible students must:

- Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment in a degree or certificate program;
- Not be enrolled in elementary or secondary school and have a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent;
- For currently enrolled students, be making satisfactory academic progress;
- Not owe an overpayment (refund) on Title IV grants and not be in default on a Title IV loan;
- File “as part of the original financial aid application process” a certification that includes: a statement of educational purpose and student’s SSN.
- Be a U.S. citizen or national, a permanent resident, or an eligible noncitizen;
- Have returned any fraudulently obtained Title IV funds, if the student is convicted of or pled guilty or no contest to charges;
- Not have fraudulently received Title IV loans in excess of annual or aggregate limits
- Have repaid any Title IV loan overpayment amounts in excess of annual or aggregate limits, if obtained inadvertently;
- Have Selective Service registration verified;
- Have a Social Security Number verified;

- Not have a federal or state conviction for drug possession or sale, with certain time limitations.
- [I am an international student and not a citizen of the United States. Am I eligible to request CRRSAA funds?](#)

Under the guidelines issued by the Department of Education, and because you are not able to apply for federal Title IV financial aid, you are not eligible.

- [What are eligible expenses for a CRRSAA emergency grant?](#)

Eligible expenses are those expenses incurred due to Covid-19 (including eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance, such as food, housing, healthcare, and child-care expenses). Applicants are required to confirm that they incurred eligible expenses related to COVID-19.

- [How do I request CRRSAA funds](#)

Eligible students enrolled in AU as of April 5th, 2021 can complete the application request to request support. Requests will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

- [Is there a deadline to request CRRSAA funds?](#)

To expedite the distribution of emergency funds to students, the University will review applications and award funds on an ongoing basis until the funds are exhausted. The completion of the application request does not guarantee funding.

- [Do I need to submit receipts?](#)

Receipts or **documentation** supporting your request will be necessary in reviewing the application.

- [How long will the review of requests take?](#)

We will work to process submissions as quickly as possible. A student may expect decisions to be made as soon as possible, but no later than 10 business days after the request is received.

- [How will I be notified?](#)

Students will be notified of the decision via email to their atlantisuniversity.edu email address.

- [How will I receive my funding?](#)

Students will receive their funds based on the refund method by check.

- [Will CARES Act funding affect my financial aid package?](#)

No. The CRRSA funds have no impact on aid this year or next

- [If I receive CRRSAA emergency grant and have an outstanding balance, will the funds be applied to those charges?](#)

No. Balances owed on student accounts will not be deducted from the CRRSA funds. Any balance on the account is still the responsibility of the student.

- [If I receive a CRRSAA emergency grant, is it considered financial aid?](#)

No, CRRSA funds are not considered financial aid awarded to you and will not affect your financial aid cost of attendance.

- [Is the award money considered taxable income?](#)

CRRSSA funding is not considered taxable income.

- [Will CRRSAA funding be picked up on the 1098-T form?](#)

CRRSSA funds are not taxable and will not be picked up in the 1098-T process.

- [Do I need to repay CRRSAA funding?](#)

You do not need to repay any CRRSSA funding.

- [May I appeal my denial or amount awarded?](#)

No appeals will be considered.

- [Who do I contact if I have questions?](#)

Please contact the Financial Aid office if you have any questions concerning the CRRSSA funding.