

Sent to students on 09/01/2021

Dear Students,

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP). The ARP appropriated additional funding for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) and enabled a third stream of funding to help prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus. HEERF III is structured like the previous HEERF programs and will provide RFU with the ability to make additional emergency financial aid grants to students.

With that said, I am pleased to announce that all students who have been enrolled at RFU on or after March 13, 2020, can be considered for HEERF funding. If you have been negatively impacted by COVID-19 due to loss of income, interruption of services, healthcare or other COVID-19 related challenges, the university would like to provide financial support as we are able using these federal emergency grant funds. Please know, RFU is committed to ensuring that students affected by the coronavirus have access to these funds.

Please complete the HEERF III Emergency Fund Application below. Requests will be reviewed based on both academic and financial impact, level of funding available and generally awarded on a first come first served basis with sensitivity that all impact is not felt at the same time during this crisis.

Important: Students who have experienced a loss of employment or diminished income are able to indicate this within the application by providing official documentation of unemployment or change. Students who are able to submit official documentation will be considered for an additional **professional judgement** that could result in additional HEERF III funding.

[Click to complete the RFU HEERF III Emergency Fund Application.](#)

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the RFU Office of Financial Aid at 847-578-3217 or by email at financial.aid@rosalindfranklin.edu.

Wishing you the best of health,

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