

California University of Pennsylvania
CARES 1st Statistical Report
May 20, 2020

California University of Pennsylvania (Cal U) signed and returned the federal Funding Certification and Agreement Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) on April 13, 2020.

Cal U received a total of \$4,312,587 from the U.S. Department of Education for the sole purpose of providing our students with emergency grants to assist with eligible expenses, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care and childcare related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19.

As of May 6, 2020, Cal U has distributed a total of \$4,198,093.00 to eligible students. Additional funds have been set aside for students to submit an appeal application (available in August) for additional funding consideration.

As of May 6, 2020, Cal U estimates there are 3,408 students, both at the undergraduate and graduate level, eligible to participate in programs under section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid grants under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

The University CARES Act Committee, consisting of representatives from the Enrollment Management and Administration and Finance divisions, created an initial distribution plan to provide assistance to students who were enrolled in a face-to-face academic program as of mid-March 2020 and who filed a 2019-20 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Cal U elected to divide funds equally among all eligible students.

Students were provided an email message from President Geraldine Jones regarding the specifics of CARES Act Emergency Financial Aid Grants. In addition, students were directed to the Cal U website to learn more about CARES Act funding at <https://www.calu.edu/coronaplan/index.aspx>. The FAQ for Students (<https://www.calu.edu/coronaplan/faq-covid19.aspx>) also includes information about eligibility for CARES Act emergency relief funds.