SGS COVID-19 Emergency Assistance Fund for Doctoral Students

In response to COVID-19 and the financial impact it has had on our doctoral students, SGS has created an Emergency Assistance Fund for Doctoral Students.

The purpose of this fund is to provide emergency financial support to doctoral students (matriculated, currently active PhD students registered in School 16) in the School of Graduate Studies (SGS) who have urgent financial needs due to COVID-19.

The fund opens on April 1, 2020 and will accept applications on a rolling basis for as long as funding is available or until June 30, 2020, whichever comes first.

Doctoral students may request up to $4,000 in emergency funding. Examples of COVID-19 related scenarios that may qualify for emergency funding are the inability to pay for housing or food, unexpected travel expenditures, health emergencies affecting the student that are not covered by health plans, or the loss of employment.

Application process: Students should submit their emergency funding request through the SGS Submittable Portal (https://rutgersnewbrunswick.submittable.com/submit/e037a93a-28f1-4e29-a7c1-ad61ad2ad844/sgs-covid-19-emergency-assistance-fund-for-doctoral-students) and as a part of their application, students will submit a brief narrative (maximum 500 words), explaining their financial emergency and they will complete a budget form to detail the emergency related expenses.

All applications will be reviewed by the Office of the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies. Funding for this important program is limited and we recognize that the need is great. We regret that we will not be able to fund all requests.

At this time the SGS Conference Travel and Off Campus Dissertation Development Award programs are on temporary hiatus and these funds are being re-directed to the emergency assistance fund for this year only.

Questions about the SGS COVID-19 Emergency Assistance Fund, SGS Conference Travel Award Program and Off Campus Dissertation Development Award Program should be directed to sgs_awards@grad.rutgers.edu.