

Email to students

Date: April 1, 2020

Subject: Announcing the COVID-19 Emergency Financial Aid Bursary

Dear Students,

While adjusting to remote learning and study, I know that many of you are also experiencing significant economic stress as a consequence of the pandemic. The loss of part-time employment and family financial constraints related to the state of emergency, for example, are having a significant impact on students' ability to focus on their academic goals. This continues to cause me great concern.

By way of response and to support your completion of the winter term, Sheridan has created the COVID-19 Emergency Financial Aid Bursary to help cover basic needs and unexpected costs related to the pandemic. This fund is available to both domestic and international students enrolled full time in the winter term.

Students are eligible to receive up to \$1,500.00 to assist with immediate needs, including:

- Food and housing security
- Study continuity costs (e.g., to secure internet access or technology)
- Return home travel expenses
- Other essential needs occurring as a result of the pandemic

Students will be able to [apply](#) for the bursary beginning today.

Throughout the disruption, I have been inspired by acts of kindness, compassion and empathy that students continue to demonstrate for each other. In that spirit -- and recognizing that some learners may be in more urgent need than others -- I ask that you please limit your request to the amount required to meet your most pressing needs.

Safeguarding the Sheridan community remains our number one priority. We are also, however, focused on ensuring that high quality learning continues. This bursary is intended to deliver on both of these fundamental commitments.

With thanks,

Janet Morrison,  
President and Vice Chancellor