

## International Center Emergency Fund

The International Center Student Emergency Fund assists students by providing financial support for unusual or unforeseen emergency expenses. The International Center (IC) has a limited amount of funding available for International Students (F-1 or J-1 visa status) on the Ann Arbor campus and the purpose is to award monetary assistance to those who are experiencing unexpected circumstances that greatly impact their lives and their ability to progress at U-M. The funding is evaluated by a committee on a case by-case basis based on the need, circumstance and any other funding support received.

### Eligibility Requirements

- Applicant must have an immediate financial hardship resulting from an unforeseen circumstance
- Applicant must be a currently enrolled student from the Ann Arbor campus
- Applicant must be in good immigration standing and making satisfactory progress towards degree completion
- All other funding resources including [Office of Financial Aid loans](#) [1] and school-based or other emergency fund sources must have been considered and are insufficient or unavailable
- Applicant must complete the International Student Emergency Fund application and submit supporting documentation
- Applicant must not have already received emergency funding from the IC/other Campus units in the current academic year (this criterion will be waived if expenses are related to COVID-19)

### Expenses Not Covered

(this list is not exhaustive):

- Tuition, fees, and study abroad costs
- Non-essential utilities (i.e. cable), household, or furniture costs not related to damage or theft
- Regularly anticipated fixed expenses (i.e. car loan)
- Costs for entertainment, recreation, non-emergency travel or other non-essential expenses

### Examples of Expenses Covered

(this list is not exhaustive):

- Unexpected medical or dental emergency (*first consult the IC insurance advisor to see if your insurance will cover any of these costs*)
- Change in financial status related to death of a family member

- Replacement of furniture or items lost in fire or flood

## Application Process

Students requesting emergency funding should submit the [International Student Emergency Fund Application](#) [2] with supporting documentation via email.

A committee will review your application materials and applicants will generally be notified as soon as possible. The process may be delayed if additional information is needed for review. If your application is approved for support, it will generally take a couple of weeks for the funds to be disbursed via your student account. Funds received are generally subject to tax withholding and processed accordingly by the University.

The number of students who can be supported by the International Center's emergency fund sources is subject to the availability of funds contributed by donors of the University. This fund is not a scholarship and does not support tuition, fees, or room and board expenses of students. It is designed to assist students through unanticipated emergencies when other funding sources are not available.

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### Links

[1] <https://finaid.umich.edu/types-aid/loans/emergency-loans>

[2] [https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/sites/default/files/Emergency\\_Grant\\_Application\\_Form.pdf](https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/sites/default/files/Emergency_Grant_Application_Form.pdf)