

# STUDENT COVID-19

# EMERGENCY FUND

Many of our students are experiencing unexpected hardships as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and they need your help. The outbreak is having the heaviest impact on UAB's most vulnerable students: first generation, those with children or dependents, and those that come from historically underserved communities or economically disadvantaged families.

When you give to the Student COVID-19 Emergency Fund, you'll help provide emergency aid to qualifying student facing lost wages, a decrease in financial support from their parents, relocation expenses, and more.

## HOW ARE STUDENTS HURTING?

**LOST WAGES AND LOSS OF EMPLOYMENT:** Many students have lost their jobs and won't receive unemployment benefits.

**DECREASE IN FAMILY SUPPORT:** Others are seeing a decrease or halt in financial assistance from home as their parents are laid off or have had their work hours reduced.

**LIVING EXPENSES AND BASIC NEEDS:** Many students have had to secure alternative emergency housing and are facing unforeseen expenses such as security deposits, first and last months' rent, application fees, and moving expenses.

**EDUCATION EXPENSES:** Students who relied on on-campus technology have faced costs as they acquire the needed tools to complete their courses online. Some have returned to rural areas where Internet access is limited and have had to pay for wireless hotspots or satellite Internet to continue their studies.

**OTHER UNFORESEEN COSTS:** There are many other ways students have been affected, including the purchase of PPE and paying for transportation to and from campus while vacating on-campus residences.

## THE NEED FOR STUDENT SUPPORT



**34.5%** First-time freshmen who are first-generation students



**52%** First-time freshmen who receive need-based aid



**2X**  
There are twice as many female applicants than male applicants for emergency aid



**\$54.2 M**  
Salary impact for each UAB graduating class on the state of Alabama



**63%**  
Percentage of COVID-19 emergency aid student applicants who identify as a minority

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

**There are more students in need of assistance than there are funds available, so we need your support.** At this time, we ask donors not to specify their gift to a particular area, which will allow us to direct emergency aid to students in crisis as quickly and efficiently as possible. All schools and departments stand to benefit from this effort.

For more information, visit [www.uab.edu/fightcovid19/give/student-fund](http://www.uab.edu/fightcovid19/give/student-fund).