May 2020

Dear Student,

I am pleased to let you know that University of Rochester has received funding to award qualified students with emergency grants. This funding comes from the Department of Education through the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. In response to the coronavirus pandemic, the U.S. government enacted the CARES Act to provide financial assistance to American workers, families and businesses, including college students and institutions of higher education. These grants are not loans and are not considered Title IV federal financial aid. The grants do not need to be repaid.

The emergency grants to students are required to be used for expenses related to disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus, such as food, housing, course materials, technology and health care. As we all know, University of Rochester’s campus operations have been severely disrupted due to coronavirus. On March 16, 2020, Provost Rob Clark announced that spring break would be extended by one week, and classes would resume online instead of on campus as of March 23.

University of Rochester is allocating these emergency funds directly to eligible students based on your enrollment in Spring 2020 and your established eligibility for federal Title IV financial aid as outlined in the guidance from the U.S. Department of Education. Enclosed is a check toward your expenses.

Please refer to the back of this letter for additional information about the CARES Act Emergency Grant.

Best,

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President and
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