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## **Returning to Campus #4**

A Guide to Financial Supports for Fall 2021

Compiled by the UTSU President's Team

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*Note: As with all of our resource guides, this is not a comprehensive list of all financial support options available to students. However, please do not hesitate to email us with any additions you believe belong in this resource.*



## **PANDEMIC-SPECIFIC SUPPORTS:**

### **What pandemic-specific financial supports are available to me WITHIN the University?**

UofT's [Emergency Undergraduate Grants](#) are typically intended to assist students with educational expenses, however, during COVID the program has been expanded to include other critical expenses that have been incurred as a direct result of the pandemic. This could include travel and living costs. You can apply for the grant through their [online portal](#).

The **Faculty of Arts and Science** has [several financial support programs](#) for students affected by the pandemic, including an emergency bursary, research pivot award, and program completion award. However, these supports are set to expire on August 31, 2020 as of the publication of this report.

The **School of Graduate studies** has an emergency [grant](#) and [loan](#) focused on providing financial assistance during the pandemic and during other emergency situations.

Also be sure to explore the **Office of the Vice Provost, Students' full [directory](#)** of COVID-19 financial supports and funding opportunities.

### **What pandemic-specific financial supports are available to me OUTSIDE of the University?**

The **Government of Ontario** has an emergency assistance program that is available not only to those affected by the pandemic, but those who are being evicted, worried for their safety, or are in abusive relationships. Find more information [here](#).

Unfortunately, the federal Canadian Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) is no longer active. However, there is a directory of other **federal COVID-19 financial assistance options** [here](#).

Finally, be sure to explore the **City of Toronto's income support** options [here](#).



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## REGULAR SUPPORTS:

### **What regular financial supports can I make use of within the University?**

Explore and search for UofT's award offerings for students using this [portal](#).

[UofT Advanced Planning for Students \(UTAPS\)](#) grants are intended to fill the gap between the money a student receives from government funding (i.e. OSAP) and their actual costs of attending university. International and part-time students are not eligible for this grant.

Many academic divisions and colleges also offer financial supports and may provide more customized assistance to students through their advising services:

- Innis College - [Scholarships and Awards](#) and [Financial Assistance](#)
- New College - [Scholarships and Financial Aid](#)
- St. Michael's College - [Financial Aid and Scholarships](#) (see expanding tabs)
- Trinity College - [Scholarships and Financial Aid](#)
- University College - [Scholarships and Awards](#) and [Tuition and Finances](#)
- Victoria College - [Finances](#)
- Woodsworth College - [Scholarships and Financial Aid](#)
- Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering - [Scholarships and Opportunities](#)
- Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, and Design - [Financial Aid](#) and [Awards](#)
- Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education - [Fees and Awards](#)
- Faculty of Music - [Scholarships and Fellowships](#)
- Faculty of Nursing - [Financial Aid](#) and [Scholarships and Awards](#)
- Faculty of Dentistry - [Undergraduate Scholarships and Awards](#) and [Graduate Scholarships and Awards](#)
- Faculty of Medicine - [Awards and Scholarships](#) and [Financial Aid](#)
- Faculty of Law - [Financial Aid and Fees](#)
- Faculty of Pharmacy - [Undergraduate Financial Support](#) and [Graduate Financial Support](#)

### **What supports are available specifically for international students, part-time students, students with disabilities, and Indigenous students?**

- Indigenous Students
  - UofT's First Nations House offers [financial aid advising](#) to Indigenous students.
  - Ontario Universities' Indigenous Student Resources also offers this [guide](#) of financial supports for Indigenous students at UofT.



- International Students
  - Find UofT's resources on financial support for international students [here](#).
- Part-Time Students
  - Find UofT's resources on financial support for part-time students [here](#).
  - The Association of Part-time Students also offers [financial aid workshops](#) and it's own [scholarships and bursaries](#).
- Students with Disabilities
  - Find UofT's resources on financial support for students with disabilities [here](#).
  - Also see this [directory of scholarships](#) for students with disabilities put together by Students for Barrier-Free Access.

### **What supports are available through the UTSU?**

The UTSU offers 4 main financial supports:

- **Student Aid Bursaries**, including a books and academic supplies, exam deferral, academic pursuits, health and wellness, accessibility, transit, and emergency bursary
- A soon-to-come **Scholarship Program** for professional faculty leadership, campus involvement, equity initiatives, and first-year engagement
- The **Dollars for Daycare** program
- **Free Top Hat codes**

Learn more about these supports and apply [here](#).



## **OTHER SUPPORTS:**

### **Will there be any changes to tuition and fees for the fall semester?**

With certain services returning in-person, there is the possibility that fees lowered during COVID will be raised to their previous level this fall (e.g. gym and Hart House fees). Additionally, there may be changes to fees unrelated to COVID as a result of changing services and inflation, as there are every academic year.

We recommend that you check your invoice on Acorn for a complete list of your tuition and incidental fees.

### **Where can I find information on my academic division's or college's financial counselling?**

You can use [UofT's Financial Counselling Directory](#) to find more information about what financial counselling services are available to you.