

ILLINOIS INSITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III PROPOSAL
for
Emergency Financial Grants to Students
July 20, 2021

The America Rescue Plan (ARP) included additional funds under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) model, established under the CARES Act, to distribute direct grant assistance to students. Schools were allocated specific values to spend on emergency grants to students.

Eligible Students

Eligibility for this round of HEERF funds has been expanded to include anyone enrolled on or after March 2020, when the national emergency declaration began in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Illinois Tech will use enrollment from this timeline to establish eligibility. Per guidance from the U.S. Department of Education, schools must prioritize students with "exceptional need" along with those designated as undergraduate and establish awarding details accordingly. HEERF III

funds (regardless of consent for billing application) will be added to the student's financial aid record in Banner and disbursed to the student bill. Students who provided the billing authorization form will have the grant applied directly to any current charges and any excess will be distributed to the student via their direct deposit information on file. Students with no consent will have the funds distributed through direct deposit. For any student without direct deposit information in TouchNet, a paper check will be cut and mailed to their current address.

Communication

All students with an outstanding balance will be communicated to regarding the initial distribution, with instructions on completing the optional billing authorization form. Similarly, Pell and MAP Grant recipients will be communicated to regarding the initial distribution, with instructions on completing the optional billing authorization form. Thereafter, all students enrolled for the Fall 2021 term will be