Emergency Bursary Information

Purpose
The Graduate Students' Association (GSA) Emergency Bursary is provided to assist Graduate Students in meeting an emergency/temporary need by bridging a financial gap that would otherwise impede the students' ability to complete their studies. These funds are provided by the University of Calgary through a Memorandum of Understanding with the GSA, and are processed and managed jointly by the GSA, Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS) and Human Resources (HR).

Maximum Assistance
Normally, students will have access to no more than $1,500 per year.

Eligibility Requirements
In order to be eligible to receive funds, the applicant must be an actively registered and enrolled Graduate Student.

Application
Graduate Students experiencing financial hardship must complete the GSA Emergency Bursary Application Form. This form is available via an email request (kmlidgre@ucalgary.ca). Once complete, the form must be submitted via email or in person to the GSA Office.

Determination
Once an application is received by the GSA, the GSA Executive Board will review and vote on the outcome of the request. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application via an approval or denial receipt. Should new information or circumstances become available after a determination has been made by the Executive Board, the student must complete a new application.

Payment
All payments to successful applicants will be administered by the Payroll Department at the University of Calgary and are subject to the processes, deadlines and cut-offs of the payroll calendar. Regular payments are made on the 10th and 25th of each month and are contingent upon payroll processing cut-off deadlines outlined here.

Alternative Resources
University of Calgary, Office of the Registrar - Emergency Loans & Assistance
Emergency financial assistance, including emergency loans, is intended to help students through an unexpected, temporary financial crisis:
Enrolment Services (MB 117)
Office of the Registrar
University of Calgary
2500 University Drive NW Calgary, AB T2N 1N4 Canada
https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/finances/student-loans/emergency-financial-assistance
Alberta Human Services - Financial Support (Housing, Medical etc.)
24-hour Emergency Income Support Contact Centre:
Phone: 780-644-5135 (Edmonton Area)
Toll Free Phone: 1-866-644-5135
Fax: 780-422-9681
Email: hs.iscc@gov.ab.ca
Hours of Operation: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
http://www.humanservices.alberta.ca/contact-us.html

Canadian Red Cross - Community Housing Support Program
In-Person Application for assistance with housing costs:
Community Housing Support Program* 1305 - 11 Avenue SW Calgary, AB T3C 3P6 Phone: (403) 541-6119
Fax: (403) 541-4444
*program only available in Calgary

Canadian Red Cross - Personal Disaster Assistance
One Time assistance for security deposits or rental arrears:
Calgary Branch 1305 11 Avenue South West Calgary AB T3C 3P6 Tel: (403) 541-6100 Fax: (403) 541-6129
http://www.redcross.ca/crc/documents/personal_disaster_brochure_WEB.pdf