



Office of Research Education Student Emergency Aid Fund

The University of Colorado School of Medicine Office of Research Education Student Relief Fund is intended to help meet the financial needs of Basic Science graduate students who encounter an emergency situation resulting in unforeseen expenses during their degree program. This is only for students in the Office of Research Education.

Situations eligible for funding (up to \$1,500.00) include events such as:

- Medical, dental* or mental health emergencies for the student or, in some circumstances, for immediate family members (e.g. spouse, partner, child) who live with the student.
- Dental expenses are only eligible if they are caused by an accident or injury, otherwise any necessary/required procedures that are not covered by insurance may be eligible for up to \$500.
- Major accidents and events such as fire and natural disasters.
- Support shelter for a student in a dangerous situation due to acts of violence or other victimization.
- To fund travel home due to immediate family (parent, sibling or child) emergency, crisis, or death.
- Travel will only be funded on a reimbursement basis.

The following situations are ineligible for funding:

- Assistance with ongoing medical costs/prescriptions. Students who are having difficulty with student insurance are encouraged to contact: studentinsurance@cuanschutz.edu
- Housing (i.e. rent, utilities, etc.) or food insecurity.
- Living expenses such as car repairs, childcare, taxes, insurance, pet-related expenses, and computer/laptop replacement, etc.
- Marshall Fire related costs.
- Eligibility
- Students must be enrolled in a ORE Basic Science PhD program. Please note students may only receive assistance from this emergency fund twice during their tenure.

Before applying for emergency funds, students are encouraged to speak with their Program Directors and financial aid. These individuals may be able to help identify sources of financial assistance and/or provide useful advice.

Deadline

Applications from students are reviewed on a rolling basis by the ORE Leadership team. If you have questions, please reach out to us at som-ore@cuanschutz.edu.



Award Description

The value of the award will range in response to the needs of the student but does not typically exceed \$1,500. Provided in the form of one-time awards, emergency funding is not intended to provide ongoing relief for recurring expenses, and these awards are not loans that students are expected to repay. For students who qualify for need-based financial aid, an Emergency Fund award may reduce original loan amounts. You may contact the Office of Financial Aid to discuss how the grant may affect your other financial aid.

Student Application Procedure

- Please include all required application materials alongside a completed form here: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/b2b49d9089054c268bf2690d1c9cf0a9>.
- A brief statement describing the emergency situation, or one-time, unusual or unforeseen expense and the total dollar amount of emergency funds being requested.
- A budget detailing the amount of emergency funding requested, a list of the specific expenses to be covered by the award, and your financial situation including sources of income and other available funding. This must include any other funds received from other university sources for the same request.
- Please include copies of any receipts, bills, or other supporting documentation.