

**CARES Act: Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund  
First Report on the Distribution of CARES Act Funds  
Student Aid Portion**

The following information is provided to offer public disclosure and to ensure compliance with the requirements of the United States Department of Education related to the CARES Act, enacted by President Trump on March 27, 2020. The University of Puerto Rico at Arecibo presents the initial report to the Secretary of the Federal Department of Education made within thirty (30) days from the date of the institution's Certification and Agreement with the Department.

*UPR Arecibo Report for CARES Act, Initial Report at 30 days*

1. The University of Puerto Rico at Arecibo is pleased to inform that we are participating in the CARES Act established by Congress. We have signed and returned the Certification and Agreement from the Department of Education stating our intention to use no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students affected by this COVID-19 Pandemic.
2. The total grant from the Department of Education under Section 18004(a)(1) for UPR Arecibo is \$7,684,736, and at least \$3,842,368 of that amount will be available for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students. The University of Puerto Rico at Arecibo has already disbursed **\$2,866,680.72** to eligible students for these grants.
3. The University of Puerto Rico at Arecibo has estimated that 3,308 students could be eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and are therefore eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants for students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. As this is an estimate, any remaining funds will be equally allocated to all eligible students on or before July 31, 2020.
4. **2,468** students have received the Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of May 19, 2020.
5. The University of Puerto Rico at Arecibo has determined that all eligible students who certify their need for Emergency Aid for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus (including eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance such as food, housing, course materials, technology, medical expenses, and childcare) will receive an equal amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section

18004(c)(1) of the CARES Act. UPR-Arecibo estimated that eligible students will receive a grant of **\$1,161.54**.

6. The University of Puerto Rico at Arecibo, along with the Central Administration of UPR, currently provides instructions and guidance to all its constituents (including students) through emails and the [UPR Q&A CARES](#) Act Document. Students were directed to certify their need for emergency assistance for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus (including eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance such as food, housing, course materials, technology, medical expenses, and childcare) on or before May 22, 2020.

However, the process will remain available until the allocation of funds to eligible students is completed on or before July 31, 2020.