

## Emergency Relief Fund for International Students: Fact Sheet

Occasionally, international students are faced with unexpected situations which may lead to immediate financial constraints. The University of Windsor has an Emergency Relief Fund for International Students that supports international students during a temporary and unexpected period of financial difficulty.

### HOW TO QUALIFY

Bursaries are intended to cover a temporary and/or unexpected loss of resources and are not intended to supplement a student's income or to pay for items which should have otherwise been budgeted for. A student's tuition and fees must be paid in full for a loan or bursary application to be considered and a student must be in good academic standing. Exceptions may be made in the case of graduate students where a tuition deferral arrangement has been made against the student's graduate assistantship or where civil unrest exists in the country of origin.

### EMERGENCY BURSARIES

Some examples of where a bursary may be approved are as follows:

- Travel resulting from a death in the immediate family,
- Medical expenses not covered by the University's Green Shield OHIP Equivalent Health Insurance Plan (GSHIP)
- Loss of essential property not covered by insurance.
- Wire transfers are delayed unexpectedly,
- Graduate assistantships arriving from countries where currency exchange controls do not allow them to bring enough money to cover initial expenses,
- Students on foreign scholarships whose cheques have been delayed by governments or banks abroad

Examples of situations which cannot be covered are basic rent and living costs, transportation and other costs involved in returning home at the end of studies, research expenses and thesis costs, sending money back home even in an emergency with your immediate family that has not accompanied you to Canada, cosmetic medical costs such as non-emergency dental care, and tuition, fees, or direct educational costs.

### APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Students may apply for this bursary by completing the UWinAward Application located in UWinsite Student.

Simply go to UWinsite Student > Student Homepage > Award Profile.

Follow the instructions carefully and select "Yes" to apply when presented with the Emergency Bursary Support (Hardship – International) outlined in the "Application Required" section of the profile.