

To all GSS Senators:

As we are all experiencing the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the effects of quarantine and isolation, there may be those among us who will require additional financial and other types of resources to make it through these times. As such, the E-Board of the GSS has assembled a condensed list of resources that graduate students on campus may access, according to their needs. Each listing includes a brief description of the resource, along with the timeline, and application process.

Please feel free to share this document as you see fit,

Best regards,

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Student First Fund (SFF)

Source:	UConn Foundation & Division of Student Affairs
Description:	This is a fund that is supported by the UConn Foundation, and overseen by the Division of Student Affairs. The funds are disbursed as refund by the Bursar's office. Students who have direct deposit with the Bursar's office will receive a direct deposit, all others will receive a check. Students who owe UConn money will still receive the funds; they will NOT have approved funds from the STL credited to that debt.
Amount:	Amounts given are determined on a case-by-case basis.
Terms & Conditions:	The applicant must be a student enrolled at UConn. Off-campus, Part-time/Full-time, Undergrad/Graduate, and Storrs/Regional students all qualify for this grant. Students must be able to demonstrate an unexpected circumstance causing the financial hardship. The amount offered is a grant; there is no need to repay.
Timeline:	Students who are approved for a gift can expect to receive their funds as a refund through the Bursar's office. The entire process from application to funds being deposited typically takes 3-5 business days.
Application Process:	Complete the nomination form in the link: https://studentaffairs.uconn.edu/students-first-fund/ , and email it to studentsfirstfund@uconn.edu . The email account is checked multiple times a day.

Swipe Out Hunger Program (UConn Swipes)

Source:	UConn Dining & Division of Student Affairs
Description:	This is a joint program run by UConn Dining & Student Affairs.
Amount:	Students awarded through this program receive a block of 25 meals to be used in the dining halls.
Terms & Conditions:	This program is Storrs based and the applicant must be a student enrolled at UConn. Off-campus students, Part-time/Full-time, Undergrad/Graduate, all qualify for this grant. Students must be able to demonstrate food insecurity. Recipients may utilize the swipes at any of the campuses dining halls.
Timeline:	Currently enrolled UConn students meet with a staff member in the Dean of Students Office to determine eligibility for this program. Swipes will be activated within 24 hours.
Application Process:	Students can schedule an appointment with the DoS office at (860)-486-3426, or attend drop-in hours (Mon - Fri, 1:00-3:30pm). More information here: https://dos.uconn.edu/

Short-Term Loan (STL)

Source:	UConn Graduate Student Senate (GSS)
Description:	This is a fund established and maintained by the UConn GSS. Students who have direct deposit with the Bursar's office will receive a direct deposit, all others will receive a check. Students who owe UConn money will still receive the funds; they will NOT have approved funds from the STL credited to that debt.
Amount:	The maximum loan amount is \$1500.
Terms & Conditions:	The application must be a graduate student enrolled at UConn. Part-time/Full-time, and Storrs/Regional graduate students qualify for this grant. Students must have a financial need. The loan has no application fees or interest. Loans are for 90 days, with a one-time option to extend an additional 30 days.
Timeline:	Students who apply can expect to receive their funds as a refund through the Bursar's office. The entire process from application to funds being deposited typically takes 3-5 business days.
Application Process:	Graduate students should apply online here: https://gss.uconn.edu/short-term-loans/

Short-Term Emergency Loan Fund (STELF)

Source:	UConn Division of Student Affairs
Description:	This is a fund that is overseen by the Division of Student Affairs. The funds are disbursed as refund by the Bursar's office. Students who have direct deposit with the Bursar's office will receive a direct deposit, all others will receive a check. Students who owe UConn money will still receive the funds; they will NOT have approved funds from the STL credited to that debt.
Amount:	The maximum loan amount is \$500.
Terms & Conditions:	The application must be a student enrolled at UConn. Off-campus, Part-time/Full-time, Undergrad/Graduate, and Storrs/Regional students all qualify for this grant. Students must be able to demonstrate financial hardship. The loan has no application fees or interest.
Timeline:	Students who apply can expect to receive their funds as a refund through the Bursar's office. The entire process from application to funds being deposited typically takes 3-5 business days.
Application Process:	Applicants can find the application form here: https://dos.uconn.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/498/2014/04/STELF-Application-for-DOS.pdf