Student Emergency Aid for Continuance of Studies

Program Overview
With students experiencing an economic impact on their lifestyles due to reductions in household income or income from part-time work because of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the program will provide those who face difficulties continuing their studies at their university with a cash handout so that they will not be forced to abandon their studies.

Handout Recipient Requirements (Criteria)
→For details, refer to the application guidelines in the MEXT website.

1. Recipients of the New Higher Education Support system of 2020 (those who received a payment on December 10, 2021) *An application from the individual is not required.

2. Those who fulfill criteria (1) through (5) below and have received a recommendation from the university.
※In principle, Enrolled in a target university from April 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021, and In addition, you must be enrolled in the target university at the time of recommendation from the university to the Japan Student Services Organization.

*Screening process will be implemented according to the criteria mentioned below. Recommendation of applicants to MEXT will be decided within the quota allocated to the university.
If you have any questions, please contact to the email address below.

(1) You generally do not live in a supporter's residence.*1 (Even if you live at a supporter’s residence, you will also be eligible if you are financially independent from your family)
(2) You are not receiving large sums from family members. *2
(3) Due to a loss of income for your family (by either parent) or other such reason, you do not expect to receive additional support from family.
(4) The income from your part-time work has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and you come under one of the following 1) to 3). *3
   1) You are unable to get the anticipated income from part-time work due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.
   2) Compared to before the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been a significant decline in the income you receive from your part-time work (50% or more) *4, and the situation has not improved even this year.
   3) Even if the income from your part-time work has increased or reached a certain level, it is difficult to continue with your studies because you have had to increase the income from your part-time work due to a deterioration in your family’s financial situation.
(5) You fulfill the criteria for one of the following systems.
   1) You are an applicant for the New Higher Education Support System or plan to use the New System AND you have used your entire Category I scholarship (interest-free scholarship loans).
   2) You are not eligible for the New Higher Education Support System AND you have used your entire Category I scholarship (interest-free scholarship loans).
   3) You cannot use the New Higher Education Support System or a Category I scholarship (interest-free scholarship loans) because you do not meet the criteria, BUT you are using or plan to use a scholarship provided independently by your university, a support program provided by the private sector or Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship for Privately-financed International Students for which you are eligible to apply.

*1. If you are not living in a supporter's residence, that means that you are living separately from the person financially supporting your family. When filing your application, you must submit documentation (such as a copy of your apartment's rental agreement) proving that you commute to the university from an abode that is not your supporter's residence.
*2 An approximate standard for those not living in a supporter’s residence and who receive large sums from family members is about 1.5 million yen or more per year (including tuition but not including the admission fee) from family members.

*3 If your part-time job is eligible for support under the employment adjustment subsidy and you have been paid a leave allowance by your employer, then this allowance will be considered part-time income.

*4 The month, from January 2020 or later, in which your part-time income dropped by a large amount shall be considered "the month" establishing eligibility.

3. Those who, upon taking into account the circumstances listed in 2 above, are recognized and recommended by their university as facing economic hardship that poses difficulties continuing their studies at the university. *Applicants are required to meet the criteria 2. above, but the recommendation of the applicants to the MEXT will be decided by the university by comprehensively considering the declared circumstances. Please inform us of your detailed circumstances when you register on the website.

**How to apply**

In order to apply **Student Emergency Aid for Continuance of Studies**, you must (1) complete online registration and (2) submit the application documents by mail.

- **Web registration:** January 12, 2022 (Wed) 5 p.m. (JST).
- **Application documents:** must be submitted by no later than January 13, 2022 (Thu). *

*If you do NOT submit Forms during the above-mentioned period, the application will not be accepted. You must complete BOTH steps (Either 1 or 2 is not accepted).
*Please complete online registration after you prepare the necessary documents.

*UTokyo do NOT take any applications via LINE.

(1) Web registration: the final deadline is January 12, 2022 (Wed) 5p.m. (JST).

Log in to UTAS and complete online registration available from Bulletin Board (Title: Application for Student Emergency Aid for Continuance of Studies)

(2) Application documents by mail—must be submitted on or before January 13, 2022 (Thu).

Send to the following address.

Student Emergency Aid for Continuance of Studies Section
Student Scholarships and Welfare Group, The University of Tokyo
7-3-1 Hongo, Bunkyo-ku Tokyo 113-8654

*We do not issue the receipt. Make sure to use tracking system to confirm your delivery.
*You may not omit documents for application even if you submitted any of them for prior scholarship purposes. Complete documents must be submitted each time.

**Documents to submit**

(1) **[FORM 2]** Oath Concerning Requirements to Receive the Student Emergency Aid for Continuance of Studies

(2) Proof of documents that attest your eligibility.

*This may differ depending on applicants. Check page 6 of application guidelines and submit the documents that apply.
*Copies are accepted. Do not send original documents as no documents will be returned.

>Note>
*Form 2 and web registration should be filled out carefully not to make any discrepancy among them.
* There is no need to submit Form 1 of the MEXT website.

**Results**

*We will not notify acceptance of the application.*

*Those who are not selected as the university recommendation applicants, will be notified individually through UTAS bulletin board (Administrative messages).*

*As written on page 3 of the application guidelines, you will not receive any special notification about the results of the screening. The transfer of the funds to your bank account will serve as notification of finalized disbursement.*

**Contact**

Read the application guidelines carefully.
If you have any questions, please contact us by email.

E-mail: support_pt.adm [at mark] gs.mail.u-tokyo.ac.jp
*Replace [at mark] with @.
*Only email inquiries are accepted.
When sending an email, make sure to write “Student Emergency Aid for Continuance of Studies” in “Subject” and include your student ID number and name in the main message.