

Attention: Part-time Undergraduates, Graduate Students and PA Students

Funds totaling \$1,080,382 have been made available to Bryant University through the federal government's **Coronavirus Aid, Relief & Economic Security (CARES) Act** to provide direct assistance to students whose education has been disrupted by the pandemic. As the application period for full-time undergraduates has ended and limited funding remains available in this program, Bryant is happy to open the **Bryant University CARES Grant Program** to: (1) part-time undergraduates, (2) graduate students, and (3) physician assistant students. It is important to note that the government requires that the University give priority to those students who can demonstrate the highest financial need for this assistance.

With the recent closing of the initial application period for the **Bryant University CARES Grant Program**, the next application phase is now open to the following graduate students and part-time undergraduates:

1. Part-time undergraduates enrolled in at least six, but no more 11, credits during the spring semester of 2020 *AND*
 2. All graduate students enrolled in 6 or more credits in the spring semester of 2020 *AND*
 3. All Physician Assistant students enrolled in the PA winter 2020 term (1/2/20 – 3/26/20)
- The applicant must have a **2019-20 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** on file at Bryant.
 - The applicant **MUST** be eligible for Federal Student Aid based on government criteria. Per the federal program guidelines, international students are not eligible for receipt of such grant funds:
 - <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/eligibility/requirements>
 - The applicant must **NOT** be enrolled exclusively in an online program prior to the COVID-19 disruption. *Note – Students enrolled in Bryant's online MBA Program are not eligible for these funds.*
 - The applicant must be maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress as determined by the University's Office of Financial Aid per U.S. Department of Education standards.

The government requires that priority for awarding these funds be given to those applicants with the highest financial need. All applications should pertain to allowable expenses incurred during the Spring 2020 or PA Winter 2020 semester when the campus was shut down.

The **Bryant University CARES Grant** is NOT considered student financial aid and it will not impact student eligibility for such programs. The **Bryant University CARES Grant** is NOT taxable. **The Bryant University CARES Grant** will NOT be applied to any outstanding balance you may be carrying on your student account.

During this second application phase, part-time undergraduate, graduate and PA students can apply for assistance through the University's online **Banner Self Service**. Select **Student Services & Financial Aid**, and then select **Bryant University CARES Grant Application**. If your application is successfully submitted, you will receive immediate confirmation of submission. If your application is not eligible for award of a grant you will receive immediate notification of the reason for ineligibility. The deadline to apply for such grants will be September 13, 2020. The University will review all successfully submitted applications and notify the applicants of the approval of the grant within 2 weeks of the application deadline date. Payment of these grant awards will be made directly to the student by the Bursar's Office.