The Georgia Institute of Technology received $5,194,039 from the student portion of CARES Act funding from the U.S. Department of Education. These funds were used to help qualified students specifically with expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus, including cost of attendance, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care.

Georgia Tech’s plan was established and approved by the University System of Georgia to assist students with the greatest need, in accordance with federal guidelines. This plan also ensured there were adequate funds available for students who did not meet the initial grant selection group criteria. Recipients were awarded a maximum of $1,000.

Award processing has two separate categories: CARES Grants and the Georgia Tech Student Relief Fund.

**CARES Grants**

Approximately two-thirds of the CARES funds were awarded as CARES Grants by the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid to current students. As of May 14, 2020, $3,344,000 has been released by the Bursar’s Office to 3,344 students.

Recipients of these grants were undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in qualified Spring 2020 coursework while pursuing a Georgia Tech degree who also:

- submitted a valid 2019-2020 FAFSA and were determined to be eligible to receive Federal Title IV student aid;
- demonstrated exceptional unmet financial need; and
- met the Institute’s standard of Satisfactory Academic Progress.

**Georgia Tech Student Relief Fund**

Approximately one-third of the CARES funds, $1,850,039, was allocated to the Relief Grant Program managed by the Office of Student Life for eligible applicants who applied for assistance from the Georgia Tech Student Relief Fund.

This fund provides a way for students who did not meet the greatest need criteria to apply for assistance with qualifying expenses due to the coronavirus disruption. Students in need of emergency financial assistance complete the application for the Georgia Tech Student Relief Fund. The Office of the Vice President of Student Life and Dean of Students contacts students to coordinate assistance through the Office of Financial Aid. The maximum amount of each grant is $1,000.
Applicants eligible to receive specific CARES relief through this fund were selected until the funds were fully expended, and if they:

- enrolled in qualified Spring 2020 semester coursework pursuing a Georgia Tech degree;
- submitted a valid 2019-2020 FAFSA and were deemed eligible to receive Federal Title IV student aid;
- demonstrated the greatest unmet financial need; and
- met the Institute’s Standard of Satisfactory Academic Progress.

Recipients were notified of their award via email. The disbursement was processed directly to them by the Bursar’s Office.