COVID-19 Hardships: Students can apply for federal assistance
UT Tyler students can now apply for a Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF II) grant to help with expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, healthcare and child care expenses. The HEERF II funds are part of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) 2021.

Applications will be accepted through Friday, March 19, 2021. For more Information, visit uttyler.edu/scholarships/hero.

Qualifications (per the U.S. Department of Education and UT System):
- Students must be actively enrolled at UT Tyler for the current term of enrollment.
- Students with the highest financial need, such as Pell Grant recipients, will be prioritized for awards.
- Limited funds are available, so students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Funds will be awarded until UT Tyler's allocation is exhausted.
- Under current regulation, DACA and international students are not eligible for the HEERF funds.

Apply now

Students invited to showcase research
Undergraduate and graduate students have the opportunity to present their research at the Sixth Annual Lyceum Research Showcase on Friday, April 16. The Lyceum, which is sponsored by the UT Tyler Honors Program in conjunction with the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, will be virtual and feature poster and oral presentations. The deadline to submit abstracts is Monday, March 22.

Participants from all disciplines are welcome to present research from the past academic year. The top three projects in each category will receive a monetary prize. For more Information, contact Katie Stone, kstone@uttyler.edu.

Submit an Abstract
Lyceum UT Tyler Scholar Works
COVID testing hours during spring break
If you have been exposed to or experience symptoms of COVID-19, contact the COVID hotline at 903.565.5999, or submit a COVID Report Form, to be tested.

Tyler campus: 8 a.m. – noon Monday, March 8, and Thursday, March 11, in Cowan Center lobby
Longview campus: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Thursday, March 11
Palestine campus: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Thursday, March 11

Research participants needed for study on face-to-face vs hybrid teaching styles
Volunteers are sought for a university research project studying traditional face-to-face instruction versus hybrid instruction. Participants will go through a 75-90 minute Stop the Bleed training course to examine how well they retain the knowledge and skills. While providing data for the study, participants will gain Stop the Bleed certification, which enables non-medical bystanders to help during a life-threatening bleeding emergency. For more information, contact Dr. Katheryn Couvville at stopthebleed@uttyler.edu.

Scan to register for study

CEP receives gift to support resource efforts to area school districts
The UT Tyler College of Education and Psychology (CEP) recently received a $14,000 gift from the Cooperative Teachers Credit Union. The gift supports the East Texas Center for School Based Research and Instruction, which provides resources to help meet critical educational needs in area schools and communities. Current projects include a “bootcamp” for new teachers to help with classroom success, a rural schools symposium, school law conference and seminar-style events called “ED Talks.”

“Gifts like these provide the financial support to further enhance teacher professional development in East Texas,” said Wesley Hickey, EdD, CEP dean.

Don’t forget to call the COVID hotline!
It is important for faculty, staff and students to notify the COVID hotline so that the appropriate procedures can be followed not only to keep the campus safe and healthy, but also to ensure that students receive the necessary support to get well, stay healthy and maintain their classes.

When should you call the hotline?
- You have been exposed to COVID-19 on-campus or off-campus.
- You experience COVID-19 symptoms.
- You test positive for COVID-19 at any testing site.

Why it is important to call the hotline?
- Helps the university monitor cases and prevent a spread.
- Activates student support services (informing professors, scheduling meal delivery, conducting wellness checks, etc.).
- Ensures proper contact tracing.

**Faculty/Staff: COVID supplies available upon request**
If you need COVID hygiene supplies (plexiglass barriers, disinfectant, face masks, etc.), please submit a request to facilities. For more information, call 903.566.7291.

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