

What other type of financial assistance is available?

Welcome to CIRCLE's video series on Understanding Financial Resources
In Episode 4, we'll talk about type of financial assistance available

In our previous videos on episodes one and two, we covered what is a scholarship and scholarship types. In this video we will focus on two types of financial assistance available to students that do not have to be paid back: Grants and Emergency Aid

A grant is a type of financial aid awarded by the University of Washington or a government agency. Within the UW, some academic departments or student services units have funding available to award grants to students to cover educational expenses such as housing, food, or even tuition. Typically, a grant is paid directly to the student's account and can cover outstanding expenses on the account. In other cases, the grant will be sent to the student via a check or direct deposit if they have a U.S. bank account. We encourage you to check with your academic department to see if they have any grants available for international students.

Emergency Aid is another form of financial assistance that is open to international students. The UW's main emergency aid program is administered by the Office of Student Financial Aid. Emergency Aid helps students cover unexpected financial emergencies during their time of enrollment at the University. These types of awards tend to be small and can help cover housing, food or other emergency expenses. Tuition expenses or other fees are not covered by the UW's main Emergency Aid Program. It is important to note that this particular program is only offered during the academic year and is only available to students who are enrolled for the quarter in which they seek support.

In addition to the Office of Student Financial Aid, some academic departments and student services units such as CIRCLE also have an emergency aid program that is open to international students. If you are in need of emergency assistance, please make sure to contact your academic department to see if they have any emergency assistance available in addition to submitting an emergency aid request. Funding is limited and it might not always be available. This is why it is important to check with both your department and with the Office of Student Financial Aid.

If you are concerned about how receiving grants or emergency aid from the UW may impact your student visa, we encourage you to view the video where we address that.

Thank you for your time,

This video is narrated by Chika Masuike on behalf of the Student Advisory Board. Remember to subscribe to our channel and share our videos, see you next time!