Bushfire Assistance Grant

As the new academic year draws closer, many students have questions about starting or returning to study. The University of Wollongong has established a bushfire assistant grant scheme, with a view to supporting students impacted by the bushfires to continue with their plans to engage in higher education. If you need support with completing this form please reach out to your student support advisor, campus manager or our Future Students team 1300 367 869 or +61 2 4221 3218.

1. Grants are available for full time or part time current and prospective students of the University of Wollongong directly affected by recent bushfires.

2. The criteria to be considered for a grant include:
   a. Current and prospective domestic students who have experienced significant loss of property or employment that results in an impact on their study. This includes but is not limited to:
      i) Residence and property that has been significantly damaged;
      ii) Having been evacuated resulting in temporary and/or longer term rehousing that significantly impacts ability to study;
      iii) Loss of employment as a result of workplaces that have been significantly impacted by fire which will significantly impact ability to study.

3. The following conditions apply when grant applications are considered:
   a. The hardship of the applicant including financial hardship of the student and where relevant the financial situation of the household in which the student resides
   b. Overall consideration of the purpose of the grant.

4. Grants are available for:
   a. Purchase of books, equipment, living costs and any other purpose that the delegated authority may approve.
   b. The repayment in whole or in part of monies owing to the University, for example assistance with fees or bonds at any UOW Residence, outstanding library fines etc.

5. Students holding Destination Australia Scholarships and/or Equity Scholarships may not be eligible for the Bushfire Assistance Grant.

6. All applicants must supply proof of being a current or prospective student by providing a student number or offer letter, proof of address if it is different to the address recorded with UOW, proof of financial situation, and a declaration or proof of loss of study related material.

Where documentation is difficult to obtain, a statutory declaration can be provided.

7. If any relevant information contained within the application shall prove to be false or misleading, the grant will be deemed to be immediately repayable.
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Student Support Advisors
Email – ssa-all@uow.edu.au

Submitting your application
Ensure you submit the completed application, Electronic Funds Transfer Request form and a copy of all your supporting documentation via:

Email - student-assist@uow.edu.au.

Mail - Student Central, Building 17
University of Wollongong
Northfields Avenue
Wollongong NSW 2522

Drop off - at your local UOW Regional Campus
Bushfire Assistance Grant Application

Name: ……………………………………….. Student Number: ……………………………………….

Email: ……………………………………… Contact Number: ………………………………………

Address: ……………………………………………………………………………………………...

1. REASON FOR GRANT REQUEST

Living  ☐   Books  ☐   Equipment  ☐   Other  ☐   ________________________________

Please detail the reason for your application, how the bushfires has had a significant impact on you and your household (Please attach additional details on a separate sheet of paper if necessary) and how the grant funding will assist in meeting immediate study needs.

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2. FINANCIAL SITUATION

Please attach additional details supporting documents (i.e. Income support, government grants, claims). You may wish to provide additional information which may include your current living/rental situation; whether you have dependents and if there has been any impact to employment and income.

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Total income per fortnight: $ ………………….  

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3. DOCUMENTATION – please provide the following:
   - Proof of residential address, if different from the address recorded with UOW.
   - Proof of financial situation e.g. Income support, government grants, claims etc.
   - Declaration/proof of loss of study related material.

4. STUDENT DECLARATION:

   I,………………………………………………of………………………………………………
   ……………………………………………………………………………………………….. declare that the information supplied by me remains true.

   Student signature…………………………….Student ID………………………..Date………………

   OR

5. STAFF DECLARATION:

   I declare that I have completed this application on behalf of the student.

   Staff name  ………………………………..Signature………………………..Date………………

   Additional staff comments:
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   Suggested value to allocate: $…………………………………………………………

   Office Use Only

   Amount allocated $ …………………

   Reviewed by:…………………………………………………………………………………

   Approved ☐   Not Approved ☐

   Signed……………………………………………..Date………………………………………
Bushfire Assistance Grant
Electronic Funds Transfer Request

STUDENT ID ______________________

NAME ____________________________

ADDRESS ____________________________________________

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STATE _____________ POSTCODE _____________

PHONE NUMBER ________________

Bank Details:

ACCOUNT HOLDER’S NAME _______________________________________

BSB NUMBER _________________________________________________

ACCOUNT NUMBER ____________________________________________

BANK NAME ___________________________________________________

SIGNATURE ____________________________ DATE ___________________