



Coronavirus response - Federation University Australia

Higher Education COVID-19 Special Assistance Schemes closing soon

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Dear Student,

Federation University recognised the significant impacts that the COVID-19 pandemic had on many students financially, and moved quickly to introduce 'special assistance schemes' to support students. This included schemes for both [our students studying through a Federation campus](#) and for [our students studying onshore through a partner provider](#). We have provided over \$3-million in financial assistance to over 3000 students.

As governments work to open up social and economic systems, our focus now shifts to working with federal and state government programs to get you back into your standard study mode - on campus, flexible delivery or online - and back into employment as that becomes available.

Accordingly we will now close our student assistance packages and start to implement state-based programs introduced by government.

Applications for our higher education student assistance schemes will close at 5 pm, Friday 29 May 2020. All applications received by that date will be assessed and processed by mid-June.

For our **domestic students**, you should explore [Australian Government Services Australia](#), for links to Job Seeker/Job Keeper, or other student support programs such as Youth Allowance, Austudy and ABSTUDY.

For our **international students**, there are now support programs being made available by state governments. We will update of any further support packages that

are made available within the state in which you study and how to apply. It is most likely that these schemes will be funding constrained and targeted to students most in need. We expect that these processes will come out in early June, for payment by end of June.

The University Foundation has also set up an International Student Financial Assistance scheme which is receiving donations from staff, alumni, businesses and communities to provide targeted support to students most in need. This is likely to come out towards the end of June.

International students should continue to contact '[international student support](#)' with any questions.

We encourage you to continue regularly checking our [Federation University newsroom](#) and your email for updates.

Best regards,

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