

May 13, 2020

Dear Learners,

Algonquin College is committed to maintaining service to our learners and respecting our core values of Caring, Learning, Integrity and Respect during these unprecedented circumstances. Please know that we are here for you and will continue to support you.

One of the ways we plan to help learners who face financial challenges as a result of the pandemic is to open applications for the COVID-19 Emergency Student Fund on Friday, May 15, 2020. This new \$1-million fund will help learners who are most in need of financial assistance continue or complete their studies.

The application for the spring allotment of the Emergency Fund will be open from Friday, May 15 to Monday, May 25, 2020. The application will be available to learners through [ACSIS by logging in](#) and clicking on the Bursary Portal, which is under the Financial Aid heading. Domestic and International spring students, as well as winter students who were not able to complete their winter semester due to a practicum or placement (and who will incur costs associated with this completion), will be able to access this fund. This fund will also be available to fall students on Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2020.

In addition to this fund, spring students can also apply for additional bursaries through ACSIS. The spring-semester application for Algonquin College bursaries opened April 30 and will close June 8, 2020.

Finally, winter and fall domestic students are also eligible for the Canada Emergency Student Benefit (CESB). Last month, the federal government announced \$9 billion in emergency support for young Canadians and permanent residents would be available through this benefit. Eligible students will receive \$1,250 a month from May to August and students who are caring for a dependent or who have a disability will receive \$1,750 monthly. You can find details about these initiatives [here](#).

I would like to remind learners who are in immediate financial need to reach out to Financial Aid and our Student Awards team directly at bursaries@algonquincollege.com.

I wish you all the very best with your studies and encourage you to explore the options outlined above if you are in need of financial assistance.

Sincerely,

Laura Stanbra
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