

**U.S. Department of Education
Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund - HEERF III
Funding Distribution Plan**

Georgia Institute of Technology

In May 2021, Georgia Tech received \$14,097,371 in Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF III) from the U.S. Department of Education. In order to provide direct benefit of these funds to current and future students, Georgia Tech is using the funding for the eligible programs summarized below.

Graduate Student Assistance Expenses - \$10,337,328

Funds will be used to cover the cost of additional compensation to PhD students in the form of Covid Disruption Graduate Research Assistantships (GRAs) to offset the losses in their productivity due to disruptions caused by the Covid pandemic. The Office of the Vice Provost for Graduate Education & Faculty Development will administer and provide oversight of these awards in coordination with the Office of Student Financial Aid.

COVID-19 Monitoring and Suppression - \$3,126,277

This program is a coupled, four-way approach which aims to prevent, detect, characterize and respond to the SARS-CoV-2 virus on campus during the 2021-2022 academic year. The first effort, prevention, is aimed at effectively delivering the COVID-19 vaccine to the campus community. The second effort, detection, is aimed at delivering the Georgia Tech campus-wide COVID-19 surveillance and diagnostic testing program. The third effort, characterization, is aimed at the ongoing implementation of the Georgia Tech COVID-19 contact tracing program. The fourth effort, response, is aimed at the proper handling and quarantining of those in the Georgia Tech community who test positive for the SARS-CoV-2 virus.

Information Technology Expenses - \$537,166

The investments are designed to strengthen the overall campus infrastructure to support expanded classroom technology support while positioning the Institute to support flexibility. HEERF III funds will be used to solidify and expand the move to new and expanded applications that support both the onsite and remote environment.

Direct Outreach to Financial Aid Applicants - \$96,600

This effort includes direct outreach to financial aid applicants regarding the opportunity to receive a financial aid adjustment due to the recent unemployment of a family member or independent student, or other circumstances.