

HOW CAN WE HELP?

For over 25 years the Faculty and Staff Emergency Fund (FSEF) has helped over 1,000 employees with emergency assistance during financial crises. Due to your generosity, approximately \$30,000 in grants was awarded to your fellow employees over the past year.

Through our collective efforts, all donations, whether large or small, may provide financial assistance to a colleague in need. Contributions to this fund can be made either by payroll deduction, online credit card payment, or by personal check and may provide a limited grant to a co-worker in need. This fund is for all eligible employees, and it needs the support of all employees.

Faculty/Staff Assistance Services
1011 W. Springfield Ave.
Urbana, IL 61801
Telephone (217) 244-5312
Crisis Line: (217) 244-7739
email fsas@illinois.edu
url <http://humanresources.illinois.edu/fsas>

Faculty and Staff Emergency Fund



The Faculty and Staff Emergency Fund is a fund conceived by caring faculty and staff for the sole purpose of assisting other faculty and staff in times of financial crises.

HOW WAS THE FUND STARTED?

The first donation to the emergency fund was made by family and friends in memory of Joseph J. Schmiedel, a graduate and former employee of the university. Memorial gifts and other one-time gifts, such as donations in honor of retirees or of those receiving distinguished awards, build upon the base and perpetuate the fund.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

Employees should have at least a 50% appointment, have completed six months of service at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and would include:

- faculty and other academic staff
- academic professional staff
- status civil service staff

* An employee does not have to contribute to the fund in order to benefit from it.

HOW IS THE FUND USED?

Individual faculty and staff at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign have benefited from this fund for a wide variety of needs such as bridging the gap prior to receiving a first disability check; lodging expenses for families displaced by flood and fires; and financial assistance with payments for health insurance, daycare, utilities, and rent or mortgage payments.

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

If you would like to apply for emergency assistance or would like more information about the Emergency Fund Drive, contact Faculty/Staff Assistance Services at 217-244-5312.



YOUR GIFT MATTERS!

A chronic illness of a spouse was further complicated by a cancer diagnosis of the employee, resulting in mounting medical bills and a need for increased leave time. This put an undue hardship on the couple at a vulnerable time. The emergency fund grant enabled them to focus on their health and her recovery and was greatly appreciated by the family.

When an employee's spouse lost her job due to lack of funding, the family fell behind on their bills. The emergency fund helped the employee restore electricity to their home during the period of the spouse's unemployment.

When an employee's home was destroyed in a fire, they were able to use a grant from the emergency fund to obtain temporary shelter and basic necessities until they could get back on their feet.

HOW CAN I DONATE?

1. Mail your personal check (indicate Faculty and Staff Emergency Fund in memo line) or completed **Payroll Deduction** Form (enclosed) to:

University of Illinois Foundation
1305 West Green Street, MC-386
Urbana, IL 61801

2. Visit <https://uif.uillinois.edu/how-to-give> for information on the many other ways to donate.