

Extraordinary Expenses Policy

The department has a fund to help mitigate financial emergencies that arise for some students while they are in graduate school, and which may impede their academic progress. This fund would be used to help defray the cost of such things as an emergency visit to a critically ill parent or close relative, or a large unreimbursed medical event, or a fire. Such expenditures would be capped at \$2,000 per event and \$5,000 over the student's time in the program. While it is anticipated that such requests will be rare, we wanted students to be aware of the availability of these resources.

Applications for such assistance should be made to the Graduate Advisor(s), who will, in consultation with relevant faculty, determine whether the expenses qualify. It is in the nature of the idea of a significant, extraordinary expense that such decisions will have to be made on a case-by-case basis, observing precedent when possible.