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Dear students,

Following receipt of additional funding from the Office for Students (OfS), we would like to share that the UCSD COVID-19 Hardship Fund is once again open for applications.

We acknowledge the difficult circumstances we are all finding ourselves in because of the pandemic. The fund therefore provides financial support for any UCSD students (including apprentices) who are experiencing financial difficulties due to a change in their circumstances.

Specifically, the funding is set up to help with:

- **Accommodation and living costs** – for students who are struggling to cover costs such as rent, mortgage, bills or household contributions
- **Technology** – for students who are experiencing difficulties accessing remote learning due to the availability of technology
- **Employment** – for students who have been working to supplement their income to support their education and have since lost their employment
- **Changes in existing financial support** – for students who, for example, are supported financially by a family member who has lost their job as a result of the pandemic or loss of another form of income

For more information and how to apply please visit our dedicated webpage:

[www.ucsd.ac.uk/student-life/funding-finance-and-bursaries/ucsd-hardship-fund/](http://www.ucsd.ac.uk/student-life/funding-finance-and-bursaries/ucsd-hardship-fund/). Please apply if you need to, because doing so will allow us to help where support is needed. The deadline for applications is midday on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June.

You can also find information on housing and financial support from external agencies on our Links to Financial Support webpage, which may also be helpful during this time. Visit [www.ucsd.ac.uk/about/coronavirus-update/financial-support-links/](http://www.ucsd.ac.uk/about/coronavirus-update/financial-support-links/).

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the HE Faculty Office by email on [university@southdevon.ac.uk](mailto:university@southdevon.ac.uk) or phone 08000 213181.

Best wishes,

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