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Subject: Three sets of important announcements (apology for the multiple emails today)

Dear Faculty Colleagues,

Below are three important sets of announcements:

- 1)
- 2) A message from Vice Provost Bonner regarding an emergency fund for students. **Questions about this should be directed to the contact person listed in the message.**
- 3)

Thank you for your patience as we seek to keep everyone up-to-date in a rapidly changing environment.

Kathy
Bettye J. and Ralph E. Bailey Dean

[FROM VICE PROVOST & DEAN OF STUDENTS KENYON BONNER >>](#)

Today we are launching the portal for applications to the [Student Emergency Assistance Fund](#).

The fund is a new joint venture led by the Office of the Provost, the Office of Philanthropic & Alumni Engagement, Student Government Board, the Graduate & Professional Student Government, and the Division of Student Affairs.

To be administered at the direction of the Provost, the fund will be used to provide financial support for degree-seeking students of the University of Pittsburgh with unanticipated and insurmountable expenses related to emergency situations that may result in students facing financial hardship. Undergraduate, graduate, and professional students may apply for funds when they experience a financial barrier based on an emergency situation and when they have exhausted all other available resources.

Please direct students to this fund should you become aware of an emergency financial need. **Please also [direct alumni and friends of the University](#) to the fund if they ask how they might help students in distress during this time.**

If you have any questions about the fund, please contact Breanne Donohue, interim director of new student programs and chair of the Student Emergency Assistance Fund committee, at bcaution@pitt.edu.