

Flood Assistance Resources for International Students

FEMA – Federal Emergency Management Agency

International students and scholars are not eligible for assistance through FEMA unless you, your spouse, or your child is a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. If this is the case, you may apply for assistance at:

<http://www.fema.gov/news/event.fema?id=3023>

State of Iowa Flood Assistance

International students and scholars who reside in Johnson County, which includes Iowa City and Coralville and several area towns, are not eligible for assistance from the State of Iowa because Johnson County has been designated as a disaster area by the federal government. The same is true for many other Iowa Counties, including Linn (Cedar Rapids). If you do NOT live in a county designated as a federal disaster area, you may check the following website about State of Iowa assistance:

<http://flood2008.iowa.gov/>

Iowa City Crisis Center

The Crisis Center of Iowa City is administering an emergency assistance program in conjunction with United Way of Johnson County. The immediate emphasis is to help with costs involved in moving, storage, health and medical care, and other immediate unmet needs. To apply for assistance, an appointment MUST be made in advance, and such appointments are already backed up two weeks into the future. Please call 351-0140 to arrange an appointment. International students and scholars are eligible for this assistance. You may also view their website at:

<http://www.unitedwayjc.org/>

Also, the Crisis Center has its normal forms of assistance available, which include the Crisis Hotline providing emotional support services (also 351-0140), and the Food Bank. Students, scholars, and families affected by the flood may find the support offered by the Food Bank particularly useful – families and individuals may pick up nonperishable supplementary food items once each week; such items generally include boxes of cereal, canned fruits, vegetables, and meats, boxes of pasta, with special dietary items often available by request as well as diapers. Food distribution occurs between noon-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1121 Gilbert Court, Iowa City. You may also view their website at:

<http://www.jccrisiscenter.org/index.php>

Office of International Students and Scholars Emergency Assistance Fund

The OISS, as always, has a small amount of funding available in its Emergency Assistance Fund program for international students in F-1 and J-1 student status. We will be creating a special application for flood-related assistance and will post the application on this website once it is available. J-1 scholars are not eligible for this.

University of Iowa Short Term Loan Program

International students in F-1 and J-1 student status at the University of Iowa are eligible to apply for short term loans from the University of Iowa in amounts up to \$2000. Repayment is flexible and must be paid off within one year, with an interest rate of 4% assessed. Applications are made through the OISS. Please fill out the form found at <http://international.uiowa.edu/oiss/documents/FinancialAid-Short-Term-Loan.pdf> and bring it to meet with an OISS adviser during walk-in hours. You will then be able to go to the Office of Student Financial Aid two business days later to complete the loan. Loan amounts may be applied directly to the UBill, deposited directly to a bank account, or both. J-1 scholars are not eligible for this unless they are also registered students.

American Red Cross – Grant Wood Chapter

<http://grantwood-redcross.org/index.html?gwatitle.htm&1>

University of Iowa Flood Information Page

<http://uiflood.blogspot.com/>

Flood information relating to the UI. Cancellations, Cambus schedules, parking information, summer classes, housing, etc.

Housing Info for Displaced Students, Faculty, and Staff

<http://uiflood.blogspot.com/2008/06/ui-issues-memo-on-housing-assistance.html>

Counseling Resources

Students – University Counseling Services - <http://www.uiowa.edu/%7Eucs/flood.html>

Scholars/Staff - Faculty and Staff Services - <http://www.uiowa.edu/hr/fsseap/index.html>

Local Government Flood Resource and Information Sites

City of Iowa City - <http://www.icgov.org/default/fs/?id=1877>

City of Coralville – <http://www.coralville.org/>

City of North Liberty – http://www.northlibertyiowa.org/flood_info.html

Johnson County – <http://www.johnson-county.com/flood.shtml>
Cedar Rapids/Iowa City Corridor -
<http://www.corridorrecovery.org/CedarRapidsArea.asp>