

## Emergency Bridging Fund for Vulnerable Post-Secondary Students

### ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Emergency Bridging Fund for Vulnerable Post-Secondary Students is designed to support vulnerable post-secondary students in New Brunswick, who are directly impacted by the COVID-19 situation. Students must demonstrate a financial gap in meeting their basic needs between now and the end of the term. Post-secondary institutions will distribute the funds to students based on eligibility criteria and will provide a one-time amount of up to \$750 per student.

### ELIGIBILITY

To qualify, vulnerable students, regardless of nationality, must be directly impacted by the COVID-19 crisis and must not qualify for the one-time \$900 provincial emergency fund as of March 30, 2020. They cannot have access to funds through student loans, Employment Insurance, personal savings, or other COVID-19 related financial assistance programs.

### HOW TO BE CONSIDERED

Students must contact their institution directly to be considered and will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. Funding support will be based on the need for:

- food,
- shelter,
- unanticipated medical costs not covered through health plans, and
- unforeseen additional academic support to students.

Students should watch for communication from their respective post-secondary institutions on how to apply for support.

*All post-secondary institutions are encouraged to provide additional funding where possible.*

