

ACU launches relief fund for students

Australian Catholic University (ACU) has launched a Student Urgent Relief Fund to give immediate support to students in need.

Made possible through a combination of ACU funding and philanthropic gifts, the fund will open today, Monday 27 April, for students who may be facing hardship due to the effects of COVID-19 pandemic.

ACU Provost Professor Zlatko Skrbis said it was vital to provide support for students experiencing difficulties with basic needs like food or additional resources for online learning are met so they can continue with their education.

“Our students have already overcome significant obstacles simply getting to university this year and adapting quickly to a new study environment. Everyone’s lives have been changed, and we need to support our students in navigating these challenges.”

The university is matching donated funds dollar-for-dollar, doubling the impact of contributions from ACU staff, alumni and donor community.

“In keeping with our mission and Catholic tradition of taking care of those in need, the ACU community is generous with time, talent, and resources,” Professor Skrbis said.

“No one is untouched by this pandemic, but the generosity of those who have contributed to the fund is inspiring. It is times like this we are reminded of the value of a connected community and their collaborative support which will have a critical impact on the lives and study success of ACU students.”

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