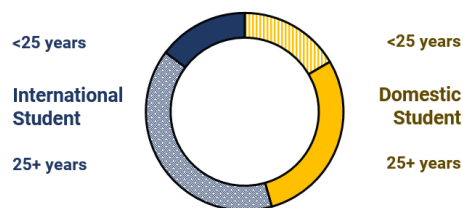


Total bursaries (\$) awarded by residency & age



To assess the impact of COVID-19 on Humber students, the college administered a survey¹ on March 31, 2020. The key findings included:

- Overall, students reported high levels of stress.
- The most significant challenges students faced included the loss of employment, the ability to pay for food and housing, and the ability to continue in academic programs while providing childcare or other family support.
- International students and those older than 25 years reported higher levels of financial stress. For example, approximately 60% of international students were concerned about access to food and housing compared to less than 25% of their domestic counterparts.

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To support students during the pandemic², Humber College and IGNITE established the Emergency Financial Relief Fund. In the winter semester, 2,736 students received more than \$1.49 million in emergency bursaries and, as of July 2, the college had awarded \$244,109 to students attending the summer semester. Tables 1 and 2 below outline the bursary allocation by student residency and age. The data reveal that, consistent with the March COVID-19 survey, international students and students aged 25 years and over required proportionately more in emergency funding to meet basic needs than their domestic counterparts and those younger than 25 years.

Humber's Emergency Financial Relief Fund is an important program that supports students' academic success and general well-being. A previous study of the impact of Humber's financial aid program on student success found that financial assistance positively affected retention, and students who received financial aid had higher GPAs than those that did not.³

Table 1: Emergency Funding Recipients by Residency

Semester ⁴	Residency	% Overall College Population	% Bursary Recipients	# Recipients	Total \$ Awarded	Average Bursary/ Recipient
Winter 2020	Domestic	74.40%	42.68%	1167	\$606,350	\$520
	International	25.60%	57.32%	1569	\$890,150	\$567
Summer 2020	Domestic	68.74%	62.16%	294	\$154,307	\$516
	International	31.26%	37.84%	181	\$89,802	\$493

Table 2: Emergency Funding Recipients by Age

Semester ⁴	Age	% Overall College Population	% Bursary Recipients	# Recipients	Total \$ Awarded	Average Bursary/ Recipient
Winter 2020	25+ years	24.86%	30.60%	837	\$475,850	\$569
	< 25 years	75.14%	69.40%	1899	\$1,020,650	\$538
Summer 2020	25+ years	30.97%	35.57%	168	\$89,505	\$523
	< 25 years	69.03%	64.45%	307	\$154,604	\$499

¹ Report on the Student COVID-19 Survey (April 2020). Humber College. ² <https://humber.ca/staff/announcement/bursaries-established-assist-domestic-and-international-students-need>

³ Leveraging Financial Aid to Support Student Success: Review of Humber College's Financial Aid Program (2017). Humber College. ⁴ Winter 2020: March 22 -April 30 2020); Summer 2020: May 1-July 2 2020)