

SUPPORT FOR FIRST-GENERATION,
LOW-INCOME STUDENTS
PROGRESS REPORT

Below is an update on Emory University's efforts to support first-generation, low-income students. For more information, visit <http://dialogue.emory.edu/firstgen>.

Initiatives		EST. COMPLETION	RESPONSIBLE PARTY
Provide discounts for graduation regalia	✓	Ongoing	Bookstore 🔗
Waive Emory application fee for QuestBridge applicants*	✓	Ongoing	Admissions 🔗
Offer two fly-in visit programs, Emory CORE and Essence of Emory	✓	Ongoing	Admissions 🔗
Provide travel grants for admitted students who demonstrate financial hardship	✓	Ongoing	Admissions 🔗
Waive enrollment deposit for all admitted students with an EFC (Expected Family Contribution) below \$6,000	✓	Ongoing	Admissions 🔗
Continue support of <i>Emory Advantage</i> , financial aid initiative that awards Loan Replacement Grants to families earning below \$50,000 annually	✓	Ongoing	Admissions 🔗
Revise policy for financial aid applications, requiring tax returns from two years prior instead of one, to assist with on-time application deadlines	✓	May 2017	Admissions 🔗
Open Lending Library, for textbooks and other educational resources [^]	✓	May 2017	OSSPS 🔗
Launch micogrants program, for food, travel, and other expenses [^]	✓	May 2017	OSSPS 🔗
Integrate first-generation/low-income concerns into Residence Life's inclusion training for resident and student assistants	○	August 2017	Residence Life 🔗
Introduce guidelines for CAPS clinicians to operate via "brief-therapy" model, which allows services to as many students as possible	✓	January 2017	CAPS 🔗
Enhance mental health services at Emory, by improving efficacy of clinical services while also aspiring to make them less necessary in the first place	○	Ongoing	CAPS 🔗
Create a space to foster growth and development of our diverse cultural communities	○	December 2017	University Ctr 🔗
Pilot <i>Civic Scholars Program</i> to award grants to assist with costs for unpaid summer internships ⁺	✓	December 2015	Career Center 🔗
Open Clothing Closet for professional attire ⁺	✓	March 2016	Career Center 🔗
Host fall diversity career fair for employers targeting underrepresented students ⁺	✓	Ongoing	Career Center 🔗
Cover travel costs for off-campus interviews on a case-by-case basis ⁺	✓	Ongoing	Career Center 🔗
Develop promotional campaign to raise campus awareness of resources available to first-generation and low-income students	○	Summer 2017	OSSPS 🔗
Address the importance of office hours, and provide additional hours by appointment	○	TBD	College
Utilize course reserves	○	TBD	College
Communicate all expenses in course syllabi	○	TBD	College
Implement deadline extensions/flexibility for students who work full-time	○	TBD	College
Add flexibility in methods to verify excused absences	○	TBD	College

*Fee waivers are also provided to applicants working with selected community-based organizations, and those using Common or Coalition Application who meet certain criteria

[^]Office of Student Success Programs and Services initiative

⁺Career Center initiative