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**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE DUT COVID-19 SOLIDARITY FUND:  
COMMITTED, COMPASSIONATE**

13 August 2020,

Dear members of the DUT Community,

We are pleased to announce the call for applications for those wishing to benefit from the DUT Covid-19 Solidarity Fund. As you may recall, the DUT Covid-19 Solidarity Fund was established in April 2020, with the intention of providing **care** and **support** to members of the DUT Community who have been adversely affected by the pandemic.

We defined care and support as follows:

**Care**

The DUT Solidarity Fund will support individuals, initiatives and projects that pertain to the following with respect to care:

- Provision of care (including compassionate care) for those in hospital and medical care as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic;
- Assisting with medical costs related to the treatment of Covid-19 especially students whose medical aid may not fully cover costs.

**Support**

In supporting those whose lives have been disrupted by the pandemic, the DUT Fund will support individuals, initiatives and projects pertaining to the following:

- Devices and data to access online learning for students. Deserving first year students in

particular will be prioritized given the need to get them online confidently as part of their first year experience as they would not have had sufficient time to familiarize themselves with the DUT LMS. In addition, financially constrained (non-NSFAS) students would also be prioritized as they would not have access to an allowance that they could draw on, e.g. the Advanced Diploma students;

- Provision of meal vouchers to augment the existing Food Programme.

### **Target Beneficiaries:**

#### **If you are a student or staff member and:**

- have incurred medical/hospital expenses as a result of Covid-19 that cannot be covered by medical aid or alternative source;
- require a device (laptop) in order to access online learning (note that 1<sup>st</sup> year students will be prioritised as well as those who would be excluded from NSFAS funding either by means test or insufficient funds but financially constrained);
- If you require support for the provision of meals due to disruption caused by the pandemic,

then you may apply.

#### **Qualifying Criteria**

- Must be a member of staff or student at DUT;
- Must meet at least one of the criteria for target beneficiaries;
- Must be able to demonstrate financial constraints in providing care and support for yourself;
- The need must be as a result of disruption caused by the Covid-19 Pandemic.

#### **To Apply:**

Click on the link below and complete the online application form. Ensure that you click on submit when you are done.

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/DurbanUniversityOfTechnology/DUTCovid19SolidarityFundApplicationForm>

**NB: The closing date for applications is 24 August 2020**