

Dear David,

We are incredibly grateful to the Surrey Freemasons for their generous gift to support our most vulnerable students during the Covid-19 crisis.

I have a quote for you from the University, and also one of our students, Melissa, who has received a grant to support her living costs. The photo attached is of Melissa. Please see both quotes below.

"We are delighted and so grateful that the Surrey Freemasons and the Masonic Charitable Foundation have given £2,500 to the University to provide much needed support for students who are struggling whilst remaining on campus. Not all of our students have been able to return home for lockdown, and many have also lost jobs and are unable to pay for everyday essentials. They are coming to us for support, and thanks to friends like you we can make sure none of our students need to go without during this uncertain and frightening time." – Abbie Carr, Director of Development, Alumni Relations and Engagement

"Financially, my university experience has consisted of juggling multiple different part time jobs to support myself. With the hit of Covid-19, an inevitable drop in income and still the same rent and bills to pay, I was in a tricky situation with little to no options. The hardship support came in right in time, meaning I was able to pay for essentials without sleepless nights wondering how I was going to get by the following week." – Melissa, Kingston University student

I hope this is useful for you.

We are going to be publishing an article online soon, highlighting the hardship fund and the support we have received. We would love to mention the Surrey Freemasons' support if this is okay with you?

Many thanks,

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