Dear Student:

I am writing to notify you that **you will receive a grant from Villanova University's Graduate Student Hardship Fund**, which was established to assist Graduate and Law students who had unexpected expenses due to the disruption of campus operations caused by the coronavirus (COVID-19). Support for this program currently originates from both the Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF) provided through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, And Economic Security (CARES) Act, as well as generous contributions from Villanova faculty, staff, alumni and parents.

The University will not be issuing checks and will distribute these funds through direct deposit to student accounts. If you are signed up for direct deposit of refunds, Villanova will post and deposit these funds in the designated bank account.

If you have not signed up for *direct deposit of refunds*, you will need to so by clicking here before the funds can be disbursed to you. Even if you have signed up for direct deposit through Villanova's Payroll Office, you will still need to sign up for *direct deposit of refunds* following the link above.

Please note that these Hardship funds are not designated to address losses of income, but rather expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the COVID-19 crisis.

If there has been a change to your financial situation and you are in need of loan assistance for your 2020-21 educational expenses, we encourage you to file for need-based aid. If you have not already filed for aid for the 2020-21 academic year, please do so immediately. Instructions can be found on the Office of Financial Assistance website. You can check your MyNova account to confirm the receipt of your documents for consideration of need-based aid for the 2020-21 academic year.

Questions regarding the Graduate Student Hardship Fund can be directed to finaidcovid19@villanova.edu.

We hope that you and your family are safe and healthy during this challenging time.

Sincerely,
Craig Wheeland, PhD
Vice Provost for Academics