

UPLB CARES: Connectivity Assistance for Remote Students

The UPLB **Connectivity Assistance for Remote Students** *a.k.a.* “UPLB CARES” program is the response of UPLB to the UP System’s call to have a *CU* based *Kaagapay* program. Various learning assistance packages such as gadget grants and internet subsidy will be given to students depending on their needs. It aims to rally everyone, alumni, partners, stakeholders, friends, the community, to pour their support to our students, regardless of how big or small their assistance is.

OBJECTIVE:

The general goal of this program is to provide learning support systems and assistance to UPLB students during this transition to remote, flexible mode of learning.

Specifically, it aims to:

1. provide information to possible partners, alumni, donors, among others about the current needs of UPLB students as the University transitions from face-to-face mode of learning to a remote, flexible modality;
2. encourage individuals, alumni, groups, or organizations to support UPLB students in their remote learning needs by being a donor;
3. determine the students who are at a considerable disadvantage during this remote mode of learning to be granted an assistance package; and
4. assess the status of the program periodically with consequent recommendation for improvements in the procedures for granting financial assistance to students.

QUALIFICATION AND SELECTION

- **Who may qualify:**

1. Priority is given to students who are not covered by LAN1 and LAN2 of the SLAS;
2. College-identified offline learners;
3. Students with scholarship programs who need learning support system not covered by their scholarships;
4. Students who wish to be a Student Assistant (SA) but may lack the gadget and connectivity may be considered for this program.

- **Selection Process:**

1. The UPLB-CSFA selects grantees from a list of candidates endorsed by the College (data on College offline learners) and the Office of Scholarships and Grants-OVCSA (data on students denied for LAN1 and LAN2 grants).
2. Selection may also be made in consultation with the donor.
3. The UPLB-CSFA determines the “package” to be given to each grantee, based on the need of the student.

4. Grants are only given once. Renewal of internet subscription is subject to availability of funds and the academic and financial status of the grantee as determined by the UPLB-CSFA.

DONOR'S ROLE

A.

- a. The UPLB CARES: Connectivity Assistance for Remote Students provides learning assistance by pooling monetary contributions from institutional and individual donors.

Donors may choose to contribute to cover the following:

Package A

Internet Subsidy Only (Monthly/One-time Big Time) - 2,000/month load + pocket wifi

Package B

Gadget Only (One-time) - could range from P20,000 to P30,000

B.1 Laptop with this specs: good for Office applications and web conferencing

B.2 Tablet with this specs: good for Office applications and web conferencing / with peripherals like bluetooth keyboard

Package C

Combination of Package A and Package B

Internet+Gadget

Package D

Any amount/financial assistance

Package E

Actual gadgets/laptops

- b. Donors communicate to OSG-OVCSA for questions, or clarifications regarding their assistance. Below is the complete details about OSG-OVCSA.

Telephone: (049) 536 3209; (049) 536 3212

Email: osg.uplb@up.edu.ph

Address: Room 6, Office of Scholarships and Grants, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, 2/F, Student Union Bldg., Mariano M. Mondenado Avenue, University of the Philippines Los Baños, College, Laguna 4031

- c. In case of monetary or financial assistance, Donors transmit their donations to the UPLB Alumni Association.

These are the bank account details of UPLB Alumni Association:

Account name: UPLB Alumni Association
For the dollar account of the UPLB Alumni Association:
246460028491 (PNB)
For the peso account of the UPLB Alumni Association:
1891-011-446 (Landbank)

- d. In case of a physical gadget or laptop, Donors must coordinate with OSG-OVCSA for the proper turnover of the materials. *See OSG-OVCSA contact details above.*
- e. All Donors must accomplish the [Online Form](#) in order to properly document and be provided with original receipt, in case requested.