

Trinity College Support for Students Affected by Sexual Violence Fund

Trinity College in partnership with the student group Trinity College Against Sexual Violence and Harassment (TASAH) recently created a \$30,000 fund to help Trinity College students who have been affected by sexual violence access counselling. This document provides an outline of how students can access this funding as well as available services and supports at Trinity College and the University of Toronto.

Fund details

Students who have been affected by sexual violence are able to access funding to obtain counselling services from a mental health professional of their choosing. This fund is meant to increase the availability and access to funding for students within the Trinity Community.

Process for accessing funds

1. A student will connect with a Student Services staff member in the Office of the Dean of Students or the Office of the Registrar, Academic Don, Community Advisor, Student Head, TASAH Executive or member of U of T's Sexual Violence Prevention and Support Centre, and indicate they would like to access this fund.
2. The student will be connected with a staff member in the Student Services centre. The staff member will be the student's contact for counselling reimbursement, and can also assist in connecting the student with appropriate counselling resources.
3. The student will initiate counselling with a professional of their choosing. After each session the student will be required to bring a receipt of payment to their staff contact to initiate reimbursement through the fund. Students that are unable to pay for counselling up-front are encouraged to make a request to their staff contact as alternative methods of reimbursement can be organized on a case-by-case basis.
4. Reimbursement cheques will be provided to the student in approximately 1-2 weeks after the submission of their receipt.

Eligibility requirements

To access funding, the student must be:

- A registered Trinity College student.
- Unable to access insurance coverage and/or not have insurance coverage.

If the student is currently not registered at Trinity College or cancels their registration while undergoing counselling, a request for an exception to the registration requirement can be made to their staff contact.

Average reimbursement

The maximum reimbursement cost is \$225/hr for a maximum of 10 sessions. The cost and the number of sessions can be discussed with the student's staff contact, depending on need.

Available Resources

There are a variety of different professionals, student-staff and students that are available to provide students with assistance, support and help with obtaining a counsellor.

Help at Trinity College:

- **Associate Director, Community Wellness: Ramata Tarawally**, 416- 946-4044 or rtarawally@trinity.utoronto.ca
- **Student Services Centre Staff**, 6 Hoskin Ave., deanofstudents@trinity.utoronto.ca or registrar@trinity.utoronto.ca
- **Academic Dons**, <https://www.trinity.utoronto.ca/PEOPLE/DonBios/>
- **Community Advisors**, <https://db.trinity.utoronto.ca/communityadvisors/>

Help at the University of Toronto:

- **Sexual Violence Prevention and Support Centre**: 416-978-2266, or contact the Centre (U of T St. George Campus: Gerstein Science Information Centre (Gerstein Library), Suite B139. <https://www.svpscentre.utoronto.ca/>
- **Campus Police (emergency)**: 416-978-2222
- **Campus Police (non-emergency)**: 416-978-2323
- **Health & Wellness Centre**: 416-978-8030 (located in the Koffler Centre at 214 College Street West)
- **Community Safety Office**: 416-978-1485

For more information regarding the University's services and supports for mental health, personal safety, and sexual violence & sexual harassment, please visit the U of T Safety & Support website at safety.utoronto.ca.