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## Membership Advisory

At the beginning of the summer semester, the University of Toronto Mississauga Students' Union (UTMSU) worked with Mississauga MiWay to suspend the summer 2020 U-Pass program due to the government-mandated quarantine, campus closure and suspension of transit fares. Earlier this month on July 2nd, MiWay reinstated the transit fares that were suspended during Stage 1 of quarantine. For the remainder of the summer, the UTMSU will provide general transit bursaries to support students who are commuting to and from campus.

As the province gets closer to Stage 3 and since MiWay has resumed regular fare collection with mandatory masks or face coverings on board buses, the UTMSU acknowledges that members want and need access to various resources across the city. After much deliberation and careful consideration, the UTMSU and the University of Toronto Mississauga Association of Graduate Students (UTMAGS) will be reinstating the fall 2020 U-Pass program in accordance with its contract with the City of Mississauga. The UTMSU acknowledges that the U-Pass program is a crucial service that allows members to commute to and from campus, work, and access resources like food centers, grocery stores, and health care facilities.

The UTMSU has successfully administered the U-Pass program for 14 years, starting in 2006. Since then, 85% of students pick up their U-Pass each year and save upwards of \$2,000 a year in transit fares. The U-Pass program allows students to travel in Mississauga at a more affordable rate. The UTMSU believes in high quality, accessible public services like education and transit and will continue to lobby for the betterment of these services.

The UTMSU is one of the largest employers on campus and as such, will be reaching out to previous applicants for both the U-Pass Coordinator and U-Pass Clerk positions. To ensure that both staff and students are safe during distribution, we will be following both provincial and UTMSU COVID-19 guidelines. A breakdown of the distribution plan will be released closer to the beginning of the fall semester.

As the province continues to evaluate the status of COVID-19, the UTMSU will assess how to proceed with the winter 2021 U-Pass program and consult members accordingly. For frequent updates please visit [www.utmsu.ca](http://www.utmsu.ca) or follow the UTMSU on all social media platforms at @myutmsu. For additional support, questions, and assistance, please email [president@utmsu.ca](mailto:president@utmsu.ca).

### Quick Links:

UTMSU transit bursaries:

[utmsu.ca/services/bursaries](http://utmsu.ca/services/bursaries)

Mississauga MiWay reinstating transit fares:

[web.mississauga.ca/miway-transit/novel-coronavirus-covid-19-information/](http://web.mississauga.ca/miway-transit/novel-coronavirus-covid-19-information/)

UTMSU statement on summer 2020 Fees:

[utmsu.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Summer-Fees\\_Statement.pdf](http://utmsu.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Summer-Fees_Statement.pdf)