



December 8, 2025

Dr. Suresh Garimella
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Sent via email to President23@arizona.edu

Re: Recoupment Action Against University of Arizona Global Campus (OPE ID: 00188100)

President Garimella:

On August 30, 2023, the United States Department of Education (“Department”) announced that it granted \$72 million in borrower defense to repayment discharges for more than 2,300 students who applied for relief from loans they took out to attend Ashford University (Ashford) from March 1, 2009, through April 30, 2020. The Department’s decision was based on the evidence submitted throughout a multi-year investigation and lawsuit against Ashford in the *People of the State of Cal. v. Ashford Univ., LLC*, 100 Cal. App. 5th 485 (2024). The Department conducted an independent review of the evidence and determined it was appropriate to grant full loan relief for the Ashford borrowers.

Under 34 C.F.R. § 685.222(e)(7), the Department has discretion whether to initiate a proceeding to collect from the school the amount of relief resulting from a borrower defense claim. The Department has determined that it is not appropriate to bring a recoupment action against Ashford University, and thus the University of Arizona Global Campus, for the \$72 million in loan discharges granted in August 2023.

Sincerely,

Rhonda C. Shaffer
Acting Executive Director,
IHE Oversight and Enforcement
Office of Federal Student Aid
U.S. Department of Education