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Subject: COVID-19 Grad Staff Appointments

We are sending this information to all graduate students so that they are aware of new guidance from budget and fiscal planning.

Dear Graduate Students,

In this rapidly changing COVID-19 situation, we have new guidance from Budget and Fiscal Planning on graduate staff appointments. If you are currently on a graduate staff appointment (RA,TA,GA) please read bullet points below. I understand we are in unknown territory with this but know that leadership of the Graduate School is advocating on your behalf and will keep you informed as we learned new information. Please discuss with our supervisor on what assistantship duties you could perform remotely should that become necessary. This information will also be posted on the FAQ COVID-19 website.

- Currently, campus operations for faculty and staff, including graduate staff, are normal. We expect you to fulfill your GA, RA and TA duties and your pay will not be negatively impacted.
- In the event these fluid circumstances necessitate a suspension of a portion or all of campus operations, we will first look to alternative means and methods of accomplishing our work for as long as the suspension is in place. Wherever possible, we will endeavor to offer work so that your pay will not be negatively impacted.
- If circumstances do not permit you to work, we are currently exploring sources for what we hope would be a very brief period of bridge funding in order to keep each individual as whole as we possibly can.

Be safe and keep healthy.

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