COVID-19: Guidance for the UD Research Community

Virtual Town Hall

Tuesday, April 7, 2020
1–2 pm
Agenda

1. UD Responds
2. How Can You Help?
3. State of Delaware Update
4. UD Campus Updates
5. Research Continuation Guidance
6. Questions - Chat Function

Communications–check website frequently (1+ per day)

https://www.udel.edu/home/coronavirus/
COVID-19: UD Experts

• **CNN**: Fact-checking issues on testing for coronavirus | Jennifer Horney

• **Wired**: Mass panic is unlikely, even during a pandemic | Sarah DeYoung

• **US News**: Dealing with the “new normal” of social distancing and shelter in place orders | Tricia Wachtendorf
A Bright Future in Research

- National Science Foundation Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU)

- Since 2013. First in the Nation program led by Profs. Karl Booksh & Sharon Rozovsky

- Olivia works with Prof. Jodi Hadden-Perilla

https://www.udel.edu/udaily/2020/april/blind-chemistry-student-research/
Dear Colleagues,

We hope you are safe and well!

NIIMBL has the opportunity to apply for federal funding to support initiatives to fight the COVID-19 pandemic. We need to be ready to respond, on a very short timescale, with project ideas that can be implemented rapidly, and that will yield specific and tangible impacts on COVID-19 response within 12-months. These project topics need to be well defined so they can be launched in a much shorter time frame than any of our other projects. The project ideas should address the need to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, including to support the development and advanced manufacturing of medical countermeasures and biomedical equipment and supplies.
How Can You Help?

- Personal Protective Equipment
  3D printing, sewing & other means
- Laboratory Equipment
- COVID-19 testing diagnostics

Coordinating with Delaware Emergency Management Agency (DEMA)
How Can You Help?

Non-UD donations can be directed to the state of Delaware.

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State of Delaware Update

Visitors to Delaware are to self-isolate for 14 days.

All UD employees supporting essential operations provided letters documenting their need to commute to campus.

https://news.delaware.gov/2020/03/22/governor-carney-issues-stay-at-home-order-for-delawareans/
UD Campus Update

- Undergraduate students: Updated academic regulations about grading, pass/fail and course withdrawal. [More details](#)

- Graduate students: Information about policies and resources for graduate students and postdoctoral trainees has been updated. [Graduate College website](#)
UD Campus Update

- Summer Session Classes will be delivered online. [Registration for the Summer 2020 semester](#) begins April 20, 2020.

- [Commencement postponed.](#) Graduating students have been invited to complete a survey about preferences for alternatives
UD Campus Update

**Students.** Parking Services will be issuing adjustments to student permit holders effective **March 19th** and adjustments/refunds will be issued to the student account.

**Employees.** Parking permit refunds from **March 19th** through spring semester. Parking permit payroll deductions suspended in April or May. Refunds for the second pay in March are being processed.
UD Campus Update

• Teleworking Tips for Employees
• Supervisor Checklist for Supporting Teleworking
• Performance Appraisals and Annual Reviews due April 30th
Notable Upcoming Virtual Events for Grad Students

**For Graduate Students**

- **CTAL/Faculty Commons Roundtables for TAs**
  Bi-weekly on Fridays, starting April 10
  Details TBA in Faculty Commons Newsletter

- **Career Lab – Interview Prep & Practice***
  Apr 8 | 1:30 - 2:30pm

**For International Students**

- **Virtual Network Presence***
  Apr 7 | 5pm

- **Perfecting the Interview***
  Apr 14 | 5pm

  1:1 Career Appointments also available via Zoom!*  

*Sign up for Professional Development events via Handshake
Research Continuance Guidance

- Writing—proposals, manuscripts, review articles, theses, dissertations, op-eds
- Initiate new and unique collaborations
- Institutes, centers, program projects continue lunch and learns, team building remotely
- Access computational resources to augment your research
- Design and continue outreach programs (broader impacts)—planning and execution
- Complete Training Modules - EHS, Responsible Conduct in Research, IT Security
## Federal Agency Guidance on COVID-19's Impact on Proposals

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<td>OMB M-20-17</td>
<td>YES — Agencies may accept late applications. OMB allows awarding agencies to provide flexibility for submission of competing applications (solicited and unsolicited). See OMB Memorandum M-20-17, Administrative Relief for Recipients and Applicants of Federal Financial Assistance Directly Impact</td>
<td>YES — Agencies may permit charging of salaries of idled staff. OMB permits awarding agencies to charge salaries and benefits to active award, provided that the recipient has a policy in place for paying salaries under extraordinary conditions applicable to all funding sources.</td>
<td>YES — Agencies may permit late SAM registration. Current registrants in SAM with active registrations expiring before May 16, 2020 will be afforded a one-time extension of 60 days.</td>
<td>YES — Agencies may allow certain costs. OMB permits awarding agencies to allow costs necessary to resume activities.</td>
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Research Continuance Guidance
Planning for the Future

Working group convened to consider:

How do we begin to access on-campus facilities?

Financial impact of campus shuttering to the research enterprise.
Advocacy for Investments in Federal Research

...agencies should be given supplemental appropriations equal to 15 percent of their extramural research budgets for FY2020 to be used to cover requests for research grant/contract supplements due to COVID-19 related impacts.

What can I do?
Share APLU/AAU/ACE/AAMC guidance with your professional societies and organizations, so that higher education is communicating a unified message to Congress.
Summer Undergraduate Research

- Planning for the programs is proceeding. Selecting scholars and identifying funding.
- A substantial portion of the Summer Scholars program can either continue remotely as originally designed or can continue with modified student projects.

Iain Crawford, Faculty Director, Undergraduate Research Program
How are your students, coworkers and you adapting research to work from home?

What strategies/innovations facilitate your work?

What strategies are working to support your physical and mental health?

Email Tracey Bryant, Sr. Director for Research Communications, tbryant@udel.edu or your college communicators.
Supporting Our Community

• Students can contact the Center for Counseling & Student Development at (302) 831-2141 or (302) 831-1001 for after-hours emergencies, or Student Health Services at (302) 831-2226.

• Faculty and staff may contact the Employee Assistance Program within Human Resources at (302) 831-2171 and/or their health care provider.
Questions

Submit your questions via the Zoom Chat