

(The Meeting is Being Recorded for Posting Online)

# 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

*Olivia Shaw*



- 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

# NIIMBL

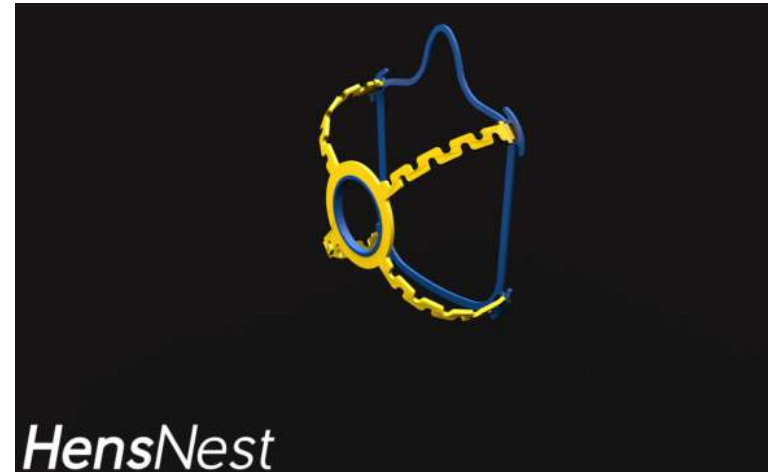
Dear Colleagues,

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.

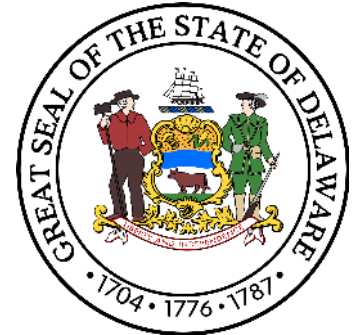
## How Can You Help?

- 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](#).

Supplies for hand sanitizer

Sanitizing Wipes

Nitrile Gloves

Tyvek Suits

N95 Masks

Face shields and/or eye protection

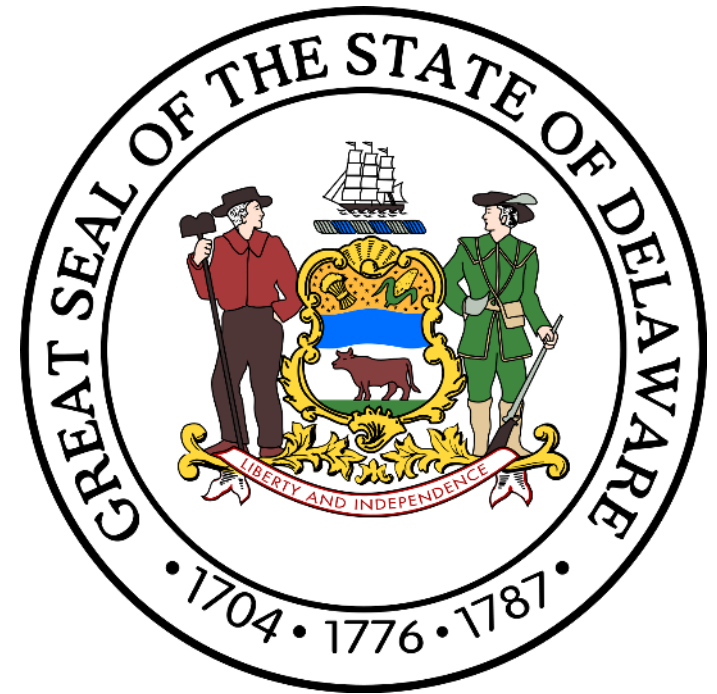
Impermeable gowns

Other COVID-19 supplies

# 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.



# 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 19<sup>th</sup>** and adjustments/refunds will be issued to the student account.

**Employees.** Parking permit refunds from **March 19<sup>th</sup>** 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 30<sup>th</sup>

# 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\***

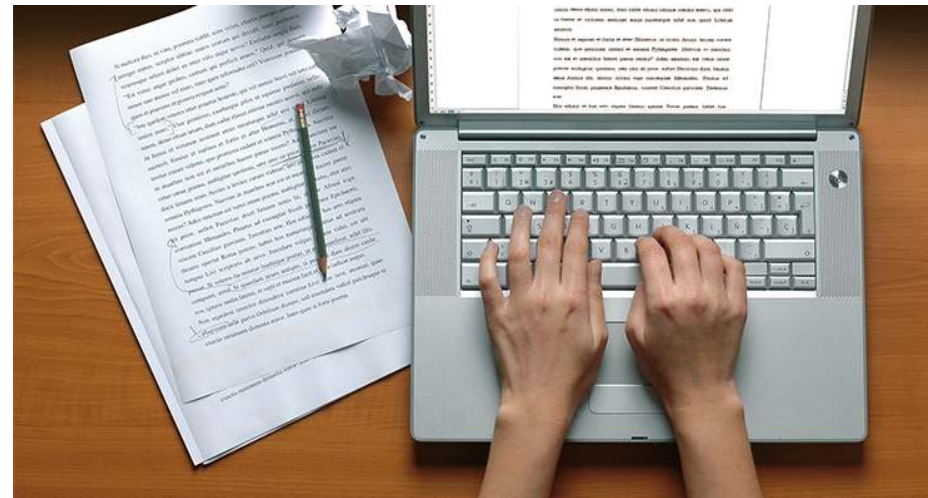
Apr 14 | 5pm

**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](#)



# Research Continuance Guidance



## Federal Agency Guidance on COVID -19's Impact on Proposals

Agency Name	Late Proposal Acceptance Guidance	Allowability of salaries and other project activities	Late SAM Registration	Other Program Costs
OMB M-20-17	<p><b>YES</b> – Agencies may accept late applications.</p> <p>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</p>	<p><b>YES</b> – Agencies may permit charging of salaries of idled staff.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p><b>YES</b> – Agencies may permit late SAM registration.</p> <p>Current registrants in SAM with active registrations expiring before May 16, 2020 will be afforded a one-time extension of 60 days.</p>	<p><b>YES</b> – Agencies may allow certain costs.</p> <p>OMB permits awarding agencies to allow costs necessary to resume activities.</p>

# 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*

# Research Communications

#UDFromHome

*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](mailto: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

