

(The Meeting is Being Recorded for Posting Online)

COVID-19: Guidance for the UD Research Community

Virtual Town Hall

Tuesday, April 14, 2020

1–2 pm



Agenda

1. UD Responds
2. State of Delaware Update
3. How Can You Help?
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/>

#IStayHomeFor



COVID-19: UD Experts

- **News Journal:** [Why COVID-19 hit so hard, what it'll take to get back to normal](#) | *Jennifer Horney*
- **WDDE:** [Will remote learning during the coronavirus pandemic bring transformative change to education](#) | *Gary Henry*



COVID-19: Timely Connections

UDIT's goal is to provide pervasive *eduroam* Wi-Fi connectivity throughout Delaware's communities.



Public Wi-Fi is available for K-12 districts, students and parents to access the internet.



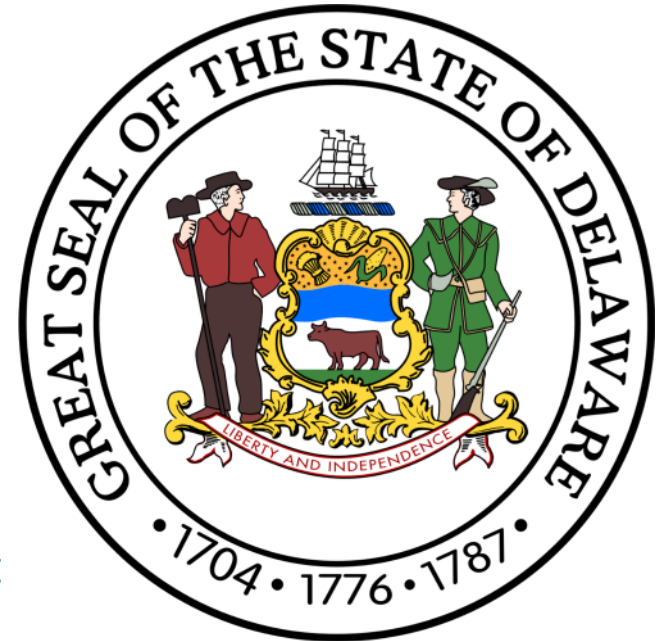
Randy Reynolds, UD alumnus and supervisor of the Instructional Technology Department for the Cape Henlopen School District, gets some assistance testing out the eduroam Wi-Fi from his daughter, Lindsey, who is a current UD student.

State of Delaware Update

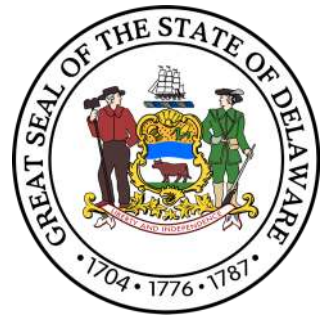
Governor Carney and Five Governors (NY, NJ, PA, CT, RI) Announce Multi-State Council to Get People Back to Work and Restore the Economy

“We still have a situation in Delaware that is getting worse. Infections of COVID-19 and hospitalizations are rising. Delawareans should stay home.”

“At the same time, we need to look forward. We need a consistent approach for moving our states out of this crisis, when that day comes.”



How Can You Help?



UD donations. Contact Mike Gladle (mgladle@udel.edu).

Non-UD donations can be directed to the [state of Delaware](#).

Supplies for hand sanitizer

N95 Masks

Sanitizing Wipes

Face shields and/or eye protection

Nitrile Gloves

Impermeable gowns

Tyvek Suits

Other COVID-19 supplies

UD Campus Update

- Information Technologies

Secure research data by always using VPN.

- Remote Support from the Library

Electronic materials, streaming video, teaching/learning support, virtual consultation services



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

UD is enacting a hiring freeze on all current and future searches, academic and non-academic, effective immediately and until further notice.

Efforts should be made to delay start dates until work resumes on campus.

A more detailed document outlining the parameters of the hiring freeze is available here: <http://www.udel.edu/007290>

Upcoming Virtual Events for Graduate Students

April 14, 2020 | 4-5 pm - [Graduate Parents Virtual Coffee Hour](#)

April 16, 2020 | Noon-1 pm - [Job Search Strategies in Uncertain Times: Expert Panel Q&A](#)

April 16, 2020 | 9 am and 3 pm - [Communicating and Re-Negotiating Boundaries \(TA Re-Orientation Series, Session 2\)](#)

April 17, 2020 | 9 am-1 pm - [Write-On-Site & Goals Meeting with the GSG and the Writing Hens](#)

April 21, 2020 | 1:30-2:30 pm - [Career Lab - Salary Negotiation Strategies](#)

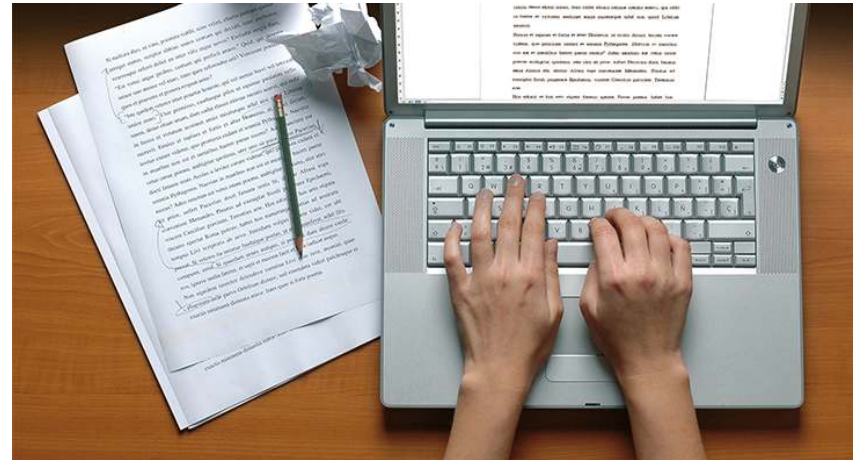
April 21, 2020 | 4-5 pm - [Veterans/Enlisted Graduate Students Virtual Coffee Hour](#)

April 23, 2020 | 9 am and 3 pm - [Working During a Global Pandemic: Time Management Strategies \(TA Re-Orientation Series, Session 3\)](#)

April 23, 2020 | Noon-1:15 pm - [Being a Graduate Student of Color at a Predominately-White Institution Panel Discussion](#)

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>YES – 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>YES – 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>YES – 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>YES – Agencies may allow certain costs.</p> <p>OMB permits awarding agencies to allow costs necessary resume activities.</p>

Research Continuance Guidance

[NIH COVID Funding Opportunities](#) Specific to COVID-19 Response

[NSF RAPID](#) Program. Awards up to \$200K for (up to) 1 year.

A group of VC's are putting up \$10 M for [COVID-19 related research projects](#). Fast Grants are \$10k to \$500k and decisions are made in under 48 hours.

If the research is specifically focused on COVID-19, then controlled lab access would be provided with the understanding the PI commits to ensuring best practices in physical distancing for all coworkers on the award.

Planning for the Future

Principles

Safety and wellbeing of all members of the UD community.

Academic mission of UD.

Maintaining our staffing.



Public Health Professionals and Science will drive our decision-making. “...you don't make the timeline, the virus makes the timeline” Dr. Anthony Fauci

Research Continuance Guidance

Planning for the Future

- Dependent upon Governor's Exec. Orders
- Ramping-up in phases
- Grant access in fair and transparent ways
- Physical distancing will remain in place
- Personal protective equipment
- Field-based vs. laboratory-based work
- Clinical, human subjects research
- Density, shift work
- Desk, group work continues remotely



Advocacy for Investments in Federal Research



*...agencies should be given supplemental appropriations equal to **30 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



Summer research programs will need to be virtual/distance learning experiences.

221 students interested in remote program.

178 faculty confirmed mentoring remotely.

Units respond to [Iain](#) by 5 pm Wednesday.

Lynn Okagaki, Deputy Provost

Iain Crawford, Faculty Director, Undergraduate Research Program

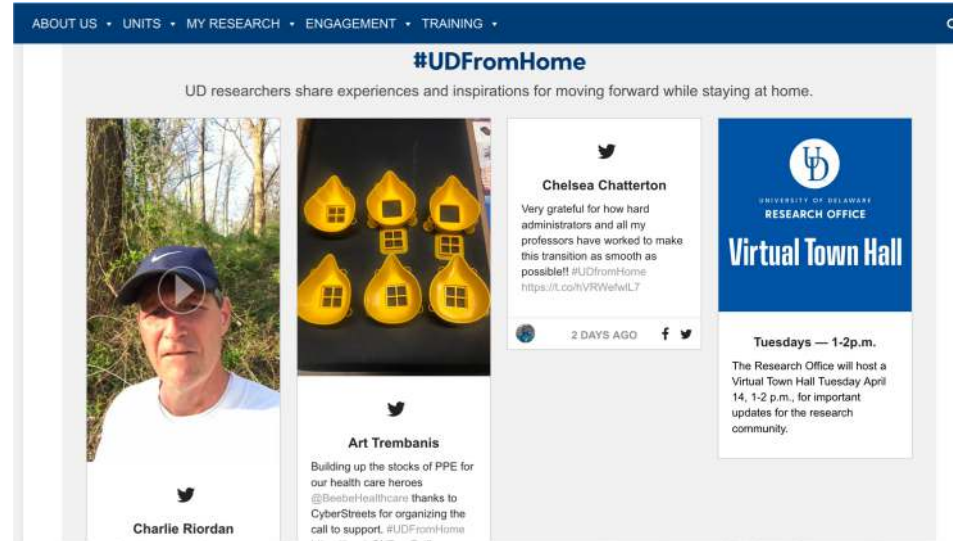
Research Communications

#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 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

