**UDRF Grant Initiative to Support Graduate Research Interrupted by COVID-19**

DATE: June 4, 2020

In addition to grants in direct support of faculty research, the Board of Trustees of the University of Delaware Research Foundation (UDRF), based on the recommendation of the UD Research Office, has approved funding to extend support for graduate student research interrupted by COVID-19. This program will provide an opportunity for a limited number of graduate students to receive a one semester stipend and supplies (up to $15,000 maximum per student) to carry out research with faculty that was interrupted due to pandemic shutdowns. Graduate students must be working and drawing a stipend on current, active UDRF or UDRF-SI grants. Preference will be given to students near completion of their degree. Funds will be available at the start of the Fall 2020 semester.

Interested faculty criteria should submit a cover page and a one-page project summary by **July 1, 2020**.

1. **Cover Page:** Active UDRF/SI Project title, PI name and contact information, graduate student’s name and contact, and student’s original and anticipated date of graduation. It should also include the amount requested and the proposed use of the funds.
2. **Summary Page:** Scope of work being conducted by the graduate student, and a justification for the stipend including consequences of interruption to conclusion of research and graduation caused by the COVID-19 crisis.

Please email your two-page proposal to [researchdev@udel.edu](mailto:researchdev@udel.edu). We anticipate the notification of awards by end of July 2020.