Dear international graduate students,

I hope you are doing ok. I know you are dealing with a lot of stress and anxiety. Please know that we are here to support you as we navigate these uncertain times together.

Many of you no doubt have questions about how COVID-19 will affect various aspects of your life and education, such as visas or OPT/CPT. Duke has compiled an FAQ to address some of those questions, and a Graduate School-specific version is now posted at [https://gradschool.duke.edu/covid19intl](https://gradschool.duke.edu/covid19intl). If you have other questions, please send them to gradschool@duke.edu. We will do our best to answer them, but please understand that there will be questions for which we simply do not have answers at this time.

I also want to remind you about the resources at Duke that you can turn to if needed, such as the recently established student assistance fund and expanded remote mental health support. You can also contact DukeReach (dukereach@duke.edu; 919-681-2455) or the Office of Graduate Student Affairs (grad-gsa@duke.edu) if you need help or know someone who does. We are here for you; please take good care of yourself.

Sincerely,

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