

UC San Diego

GRADUATE DIVISION

**Graduate & Professional Student Open Office Hour
May 29, 2020**



PLEASE BE ADVISED

**This session is being recorded and
will be made available at a later date.**

Welcome

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GENTLE REMINDER: SOURCES OF INFO

- UC San Diego COVID-19 Info: <https://coronavirus.ucsd.edu/>
- Grad Life Dean's Updates: <https://gradlife.ucsd.edu/news-updates/index.html>

The screenshot shows the 'COVID-19 INFORMATION FOR UC SAN DIEGO' page. The header includes the UC San Diego logo and navigation menus for 'Information For', 'Return to Learn Program', 'News & Updates', 'Prevention & Wellness', and 'Campus Resources'. A left sidebar lists categories like 'Sign Up: Triton Alerts', 'Teach Remotely', 'Learn Remotely', 'Work Remotely', 'Research Continuity', 'Travel Advisories', and 'Event Modifications'. The main content area features the title 'UC San Diego COVID-19 Information' with a sub-header 'Page last updated May 15 at 1:38 p.m.'. Below this is a paragraph of text: 'Please check back regularly for the latest on this fast-evolving situation. UC San Diego and UC San Diego Health leadership are working closely with federal and state officials to help slow the spread of COVID-19. For the most up-to-date guidance on health and safety, please visit the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website. All questions can be directed to the UC San Diego Emergency Operations Center at eoc@ucsd.edu. Your inquiry will be directed to the appropriate unit for response.' A section titled 'Current Campus Status' follows, with a sub-header 'Message from the Chancellor: Financial Impact of COVID-19' and a date 'As of May 7 at 12:00 p.m.'. The bottom of the page contains a paragraph: 'I am grateful for the sacrifices that everyone is making every day. I understand the challenges of learning, teaching and...'.

The screenshot shows the 'GRAD LIFE' page with a focus on 'News & Updates'. The header includes the UC San Diego logo and navigation menus for 'About', 'News & Updates', 'Academic & Professional Success', 'Employment & Funding', 'Health & Wellbeing', and 'Events'. A left sidebar lists categories like 'Grad Life', 'About', 'News & Updates', 'Webinars + Open Office Hours', 'Academic & Professional Success', 'Employment & Funding', 'Health & Wellbeing', and 'Events'. The main content area features the title 'News & Updates' and a prominent blue box titled 'DEAN'S UPDATES'. The text inside the box reads: 'In these uncertain times Dean Antony is providing graduate students with regular updates and sharing important information outlining campus resources. Thank you for your patience and flexibility; know that we are here to support you, and please reach out at any time with questions or concerns.' Below this is a section for 'Latest Updates' and a 'CONGRATULATIONS' section.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS



- **Virtual Commencement: Saturday, June 13, 2020 at 9:00am**
- **Celebrating First-Generation Graduates**
- **UCPath goes live June 1st.** Monday, check your direct deposit:
<https://ucpath.ucsd.edu/students/after-go-live.html>
- **Return to Learn** program ENDING TODAY makes COVID-19 testing available to all graduate students living on-campus:
returntolearn.ucsd.edu



Research ramp-up efforts

A university announcement will go out describing the efforts to slowly ramp up research

Clear PI guidelines are being issued on how to seek permission to start up research activities

Approved research will follow safety procedures, required social distancing, and use of PPE--each situation will be reviewed independently

Ramp-up will be gradual, and any research that can still be conducted remotely will be encouraged to stay that way for the time being

Graduate students are not to be compelled; but many graduate students are eager to return to research--PIs' plans that include graduate students will be part of university's review and approval process.

If you have any questions, you should consult your advisor and/or department chair--there will also be a clear directions for how to report concerns

CARES Act Form

The CARES Act Funding announcement was sent out on May 14, 2020.

The Cares Act Announcement and information may be found on the [Grad Life website](#) under the [Dean's Updates](#).

It took Financial Aid a few days to get the awarding going but as of Tuesday May 26, 2020 approved grants through Friday May 22, 2020 had been awarded. When a student submits the application and it is approved, Financial Aid will issue the award that evening.

If there are students who have not been awarded who feel they should be eligible as outlined in the announcement, they should reach out to Assistant Dean April Bjornsen, abjornsen@ucsd.edu .

CARES Act Update

We set aside 10% of the overall allocation for graduate and professional students--this is NOT the only source of money we have set aside to aid graduate and professional students

We decided to distribute funds through our already-existing basic-needs framework--our goal has been to aid those with greatest need, as opposed to giving very small flat grants to all students

Unlike other universities, we specifically decided to aid those with greatest need, and we did not require the FAFSA to access these monies

Here are the results, thus far:

CARES Act Update

General Campus

As of Tuesday 05/26/20

- 61% of the \$1,409,400 allocated for general graduate and professional students has been distributed.
- \$854,027 in grants have been committed to 685 graduate or professional students.
- The average grant amount is \$1,247.

School of Medicine and School of Pharmacy

As of Tuesday 05/26/20

- 69% of the \$330,600 allocated for SOM/SSPPS students has been distributed.
- \$229,106 in grants have been committed.
- The average grant amount is \$1,054.

CARES Act Update

Any money not distributed will be rolled over to summer support

If there are any funds left from the undergraduate allocation that go unspent, we will explore redistributing those funds to the graduate and professional student pool should there be demonstrated demand and need

A moment of acknowledgment

Questions?

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