March 13, 2020

MEMORANDUM

TO: Deans, Vice Presidents; Associate Deans, Department Heads, Graduate Coordinators and Graduate Students

FROM: Ron Walcott, Interim Dean

RE: Guidance for graduate students on assistantship in response to UGA COVID-19 directive

As a follow-up to the UGA memo entitled “Continuity of Instruction and Operations” released March 13, 2020, the Graduate School is providing additional guidance to graduate students on an assistantship and faculty, administrators, and staff engaged in graduate education. During the two-week period in which UGA will temporarily suspend instruction (starting Monday March 16, 2020), graduate assistants will be expected to continue to fulfill their work responsibilities/expectations. Graduate assistants and other graduate students employed as student workers on campus must contact their supervisors as soon as possible to determine the work expectations and the safest way to accomplish them. Please discuss any concerns you have and possible work arrangements with your supervisor(s). We strongly encourage supervisors to allow students to work remotely when feasible.

Graduate assistants who have traveled internationally in the past 14 days MUST self-quarantine until you have been asymptomatic for a period of 14 days from the date of entering/reentering the United States. as outlined in the March 12, 2020 memo.

The Graduate School has created a FAQ for graduate students about the temporary suspension of instruction: https://grad.uga.edu/index.php/suspension. As we learn more, additional information will be added to this page.

The health and safety of our campus community is of paramount concern at this time. We appreciate your patience and flexibility as we strive to ensure the continuity of UGA’s research, teaching, and outreach missions, while simultaneously reducing the impact of COVID-19.