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**Subject:** MESSAGE TO NEWLY-ADMITTED INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE STUDENTS  
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**TO:** DIVISIONAL DEANS  
DEPARTMENT CHAIRS  
GRADUATE ADVISORS  
GRADUATE COORDINATORS  
GRADUATE PROGRAM DIRECTORS  
PROGRAM AND DEPARTMENT MSOs

**FROM:** JAMES ANTONY, DEAN OF THE GRADUATE DIVISION

**SUBJECT:** MESSAGE TO NEWLY-ADMITTED INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE STUDENTS

Dear Colleagues,

Given the ongoing crisis, newly-admitted international graduate students are indicating it may be impossible to obtain a visa in time to be physically present for Fall 2020. In recognition, the Faculty Senate has approved a one-time exception to allow incoming international graduate students in all graduate programs to participate in courses via remote instruction for the duration of Fall 2020.

We all hope this measure will not be necessary. If it proves to be, then many details will have to be worked out and my office will collaborate with divisional deans to quickly begin identifying all the issues that must be addressed.

That said, it is critical that newly-admitted students know of this flexibility before the April 15 deadline to indicate their acceptance of our offers of admission. Therefore, with input from divisional deans, my office has developed a message that will be sent to all newly-admitted international graduate students. We are emailing you this afternoon as a courtesy, so that you are aware of the Senate's approval, and of what we intend to send to newly-admitted international graduate students.

Here is the note that will go out to these students:

*Congratulations on your admission to UC San Diego!*

*The current global public health emergency has caused a great deal of uncertainty. We recognize it may be impossible for you to obtain a visa in time for this coming Fall 2020 quarter.*

*If this proves to be true for you, your program will offer you the opportunity to begin your studies and take your courses remotely during the Fall 2020 quarter. Once your program has determined its specific approach for enabling you to begin your studies remotely, you will be contacted.*

*We hope this announcement will ease any anxieties you might have about joining us at UC San Diego, and will help you feel confident in accepting our offer of admission.*

*Whether you are able to join us in person, or remotely, please be assured we are committed to supporting your educational and professional development.*

*Sincerely,*

*James Antony  
Dean, The Graduate Division*

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**James Antony, Ph.D.**  
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