

Research Advisory Task Force (COVID-19)

Committee Topic: Graduate Student Research

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Final UMB policy based upon the committee report and recommendations

Graduate Research Assistants are students first and foremost and therefore every effort must be taken to keep them safe, consistent with the University's efforts to protect other students on campus. Accordingly, GRAs should not be designated as essential and every reasonable effort should be made to have them engage with and continue their research activities remotely. Exceptions to this policy will be considered by the Dean of the Graduate School.

For all faculty, staff or students, please follow already-existing UMB advice for [Step 2](#) and [Clinical Activities](#) and refer to the recent [email from Erin Golembewski](#) on March 13, 2020. Expect guidance to change over time. If an individual has signs, symptoms or exposure to a high COVID-19 risk situation, do not come to UMB, and seek advice from your physician. Be sure to let your mentor or supervisor know.

Additionally, the following specific guidance is provided:

- all non-essential work must be done via telework
- students who travel must follow UMB policy that may require a 14-day period of self-quarantine; students must check in with their Student Affairs Dean before returning to campus
- sick students must inform their mentor and stay home
- building access information will be provided as appropriate

For questions, please contact Dr. Erin Golembewski.