



Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

International

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Research and Service Delivery at International Sites*In Progress*

Description	Date Approved	Expected Completion
Work with Research Advisory Committee, UMB Office of Accountability and Compliance, and UMB IRB to clarify parameters around international research and service delivery.	6/12/2020	

UMB-related Student Travel Outbound from US*In Progress*

Description	Date Approved	Expected Completion
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Short-term recommendation) Immediately announce cancellation of UMB student travel to international sites for research, study, externship, training or clinical experiences (both for credit and not for credit) for Fall 2020 through to January 25, 2021 - the start of Spring semester 2021 (i.e. no winter break UMB-related student travel). 	6/12/2020	2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Mid-term recommendation) Announce that UMB will make a decision (subject to change based on circumstances) re: UMB-related student international travel for Spring semester 2021 on October 1, 2020. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Mid-term recommendation) Announce that UMB will make a decision (subject to change based on circumstances) re: UMB-related student international travel for Summer semester 2021 on February 1, 2021 (if travel did not resume in Spring 2021). 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Mid-term recommendation) Develop a worksheet with questions and criteria to help schools and programs determine if an international site is appropriate for UMB-related student international travel until the risk of the COVID-19 pandemic is significantly reduced or manageable. Center for Global Engagement to take lead. 		

International Travel

In Progress

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permit international travel for faculty and staff under limited circumstances with a signed risk acknowledgment form (to be developed by 8/1/20) and permission of the appropriate Vice President or Dean. • Permit international travel students under limited circumstances for whom travel is required to complete their program of study and permission of the appropriate Dean (may be Dean of Graduate School and relevant school Dean). • Each Dean will designate an international travel point person and one or two back-ups, to act as first contact for international emergencies and to serve on the UMB International Travel committee (by 7/1/20). • Establish guidelines for essential travel and criteria for approving/denying such travel. (by 8/15/20) • Create an essential travel justification form for travelers to complete prior to requesting international travel approval (by 8/15/20) • Require all UMB international travelers to book international travel through a UMB-approved travel agent. (by 9/1/20) • Require all UMB international travelers to have an International SOS phone briefing PRIOR to requesting travel. (by 8/15/20) • Update the UMB travel request form to include these recommendations. (Target date: 1/1/21) • Clarify HR policies on isolation/quarantine restrictions both upon returning to the U.S. and when traveling to another country (i.e. in the destination country). Work-from home is permitted or required for two weeks upon return to the U.S. from abroad. Will UMB cover costs related to isolation/quarantine restrictions in another country if applicable? Industry standard is to do so, and the task force recommends UMB do so as well. (Target date: 8/15/20) • Create a UMB international travel webpage. (Target date: 9/1/20) 	6/12/2020	Mostly completed by 9/1/2020. Full completion by January 2020.

International Students Admitted for 2020-2021 Academic Year

In Progress

Description	Date Approved	Expected Completion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School admissions offices should work one-on-one with their admitted international students to help them decide whether to enroll in courses online or defer their admission. • Schools and programs should identify a date after which they will not accept late arrivals. • Faculty should be encouraged and supported to use virtual instructional strategies as much as possible to account for students in multiple time zones and differential access to internet. 	6/12/2020	

International Postdoctoral Fellows

In Progress

Description	Date Approved	Expected Completion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provost to send out communication to PIs clarifying that they might not be able to recruit international postdocs who are presently outside the U.S. and recommend that they focus their recruitment efforts to individuals who are currently in the U.S. <- approved by CMAG if the following sentiment is added: when U.S. government policy changes with regards to approving or processing work authorizations, UMB will revisit this issue 	6/12/2020	

To extend the five-year limit on post-docs

In Progress

Description	Date Approved	Expected Completion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UMB will allow narrow case-by-case exceptions to be made to the five-year post-doc limit if the exception is due to COVID-related circumstances. Such exception must be authorized by the Dean, with notification of that decision sent to the Provost. 	6/24/2020	Ongoing

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