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TO: GRADUATE and PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS

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FR: JAMES ANTONY, Dean of The Graduate Division

SUBJ: Fall Quarter 2020 Updates

Dear Graduate and Professional Students,

By now you will have seen [the Chancellor's notice about Return to Learn and Campus Operations for Fall Quarter 2020](#). You'll also find details about living and learning on campus, new safety requirements, testing and screening, and the overall Fall 2020 plan on [the Return to Learn website](#).

Please keep in mind, if you ever have questions about how the campus plan pertains to graduate or professional students, feel free to email your programs or my office--we are always happy to help.

Below I want to highlight some *additional* information specifically relevant to graduate and professional students.

**REMINDERS:**

- **ADVISING:** Your academic program, as always, stands ready to offer you support and advising. You should not hesitate to reach out to your program if you have questions about anything, including courses, funding, procedures for participating in research projects, and protocols for returning to labs.
- **IN-PERSON TEACHING:** If you are an Instructional Assistant (IA) assigned to an in-person course, please remember instructors and TAs have the choice to teach remotely if they prefer to do so. If you are uncomfortable teaching in-person, please discuss your concerns with the instructor of record so that you may devise an alternate plan. If you

need additional assistance with this process, please reach out to your academic program director, department chair, and/or divisional dean's office; you also can contact The Graduate Division for additional support.

- **TEMPORARY FALL EXCEPTION for ASEs & GSRs - CHILDCARE REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM:** The UC system has provided helpful updates that bring increased flexibility to the [childcare reimbursement program for ASEs and GSRs](#). See details in the letters from [Vice Provost Susan Carlson](#) and [Associate Director Nadine Fishel](#).
- **GRADUATE DIVISION OPEN OFFICE HOURS:** Are scheduled from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (PT) on the following Fridays during Fall Quarter 2020: October 2nd, November 6th, and December 4th. Additionally, [Return to Learn All Student Town Halls](#) will continue to be held periodically. The next one is scheduled for September 10th at 5:00 p.m. (PT); register [here](#).

Again, if you have any questions or concerns about the upcoming fall quarter, as always, reach out to your academic home department graduate coordinator. [The Graduate Division](#) is also always available as a resource to you, and if you're unsure of whom to contact, you can email [graduatedean@ucsd.edu](mailto:graduatedean@ucsd.edu). We also welcome you to regularly check the [News & Updates section](#) of our website.