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Research Community,

We hope all of you read Provost Liz Magill's update on approach to research last night. We have updated our website with the [additional guidance](#) on research continuity to help implement the policies. If you have questions or concerns please also check out our [FAQ page](#).

An example Q&A that you will find on the FAQ page. We will build up the page as we go.

Q: "Can graduate students be identified as essential personnel and be required to come into the lab?"

A: No. Graduate and Undergraduates students are not allowed to be designated as essential. They can only work remotely and as a PI you are expected to develop an individualized mentoring and management plan for them. Only faculty, staff, and postdocs can be designated as "essential" to support only "key research activities" in the lab.

This is an evolving situation and process. Thank you for all your understanding during this extraordinary time. Our team is here to help. You may also reach your Associate Deans for Research for further guidance.

Sincerely,

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