

Dear Peabody graduate students:

The University's move to adapt operations in response to COVID-19 has no doubt left you with many questions. Please know that faculty and staff across the university are working to address those issues as quickly as possible. You recently received a message from the Vice Provost for Graduate and Professional Education with information on many topics. We recognize that your needs and concerns as a graduate student at Peabody are unique, and we are writing with a few clarifying points more specific to your Peabody experience. We encourage you to please contact Peabody's [Student Affairs](#) and [Academic Affairs](#) teams with any questions as we all work to make the transition to remote learning.

First, we want to reiterate and expand upon the guidance we sent you on Friday evening regarding **graduate student employment**:

- Graduate Assistants who support instruction are authorized to continue to work, as long as they are still residing within the US and can do so remotely.
- Graduate students who work on an hourly basis (for example, office work, clerical support) are authorized to continue to work, as long as they are still residing within the US and can do so remotely.
- The University's commitments to graduate students receiving Federal Work Study (FWS) support remain unchanged. Graduate students are expected to continue to work remotely on FWS supported projects. Graduate students receiving FWS support whose work cannot be done remotely may be reassigned to other hourly work. Regardless, graduate students receiving FWS will be guaranteed their hours and payment.
- Additional guidance is forthcoming for graduate students temporarily based in another country.

Second, we emphasize the Vice Provost's advice around **setting goals for academic progress**. It is as important as ever to be in regular touch with your academic advisor/mentor. Goals that have been set previously may need to be altered. But it remains very important to agree upon goals for this spring term in order to ensure that expectations are articulated and agreed upon, academic work can continue, and structure can be created, to the extent possible, including regular check-ins. Clear understandings between you and your advisor will be essential during this period.

Peabody's home for **career services, life design, and professional development**, [LAUNCHPad](#) is offering expanded virtual appointment options, online coaching, and assistance with course material for the Breakthrough Curriculum, projects, and grant applications. They will also regularly post artist resources related to the challenges posed by COVID-19 on their website and social media pages.

Finally, we urge you to prioritize your own mental and physical health during these challenging times. For *emotional support*, please utilize the [counseling center](#). For *questions about physical health* including possible COVID-19 exposure, contact the [Student Health and Wellness Center](#). **Please call or email before going to any of these locations**. Most services are being provided remotely to protect all in our community. If you have any concerns please reach out to Peabody Student Affairs at peabodystudentaffairs@jhu.edu so that we can do our best to support you.

Additional resources that may be helpful to you include:

- this [webpage](#) listing COVID-19 related resources for Peabody students.

- the new [website](#) to consolidate information about university-wide and school specific resources relevant to graduate students.
- the [Hub's dedicated COVID-19 page](#) for regularly updated announcements for the JHU community related to COVID-19.
- the [Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center](#) for a look at how Johns Hopkins is contributing to the global response to COVID-19 through expertise in public health, emergency management, and infectious disease.

We trust that you will continue to connect with our office and with these many resources as together we navigate through the coming weeks and our altered learning landscape. Above all, please take good care of yourselves and keep the lines of communication open.

Sincerely,

Office of Student Affairs

Office of Academic Affairs